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Meir makes appeal to Dayan; new elections seen possible

Rafi may abstain in confidence vote

Jerusalem Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Prospects that new elections may have to be held within a few months and that Prime Minister Golda Meir may not be able to form a minority government became a real posibility last night, as some of the Labour Party's ex-Rafi wing members seemed to be in favour of not voting for the new government in the Knesset. Without the votes of the ex-Rafi Knesset members, the Alignment and the Independent Liberals would command only 51 seats in the house.

The proposal to abstain on the vote of confidence in the new government gained support among Rafi members last night, as they came away disappointed from the party's Central Committee session, particularly because no top-ranking party leader except Mrs. Meir spoke up to appeal to Mr. Dayan to remain in the government and to criticize the present state of affairs in the party.

The Labour Party's Rafi deputy secretary-General, Moshe Netzer, said after the meeting that it had only deepened the rift within the party, rather than healing the wounds. He took Minister Yisrael Galili and former Tel Aviv Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowi'tz, who heads the party's powerful "gush", to task for not having said publicly what they had told Mrs. Meir — that they want Mr. Dayan to continue as Defence Minister.

Rafi leaders told: 'No right to do this'

By DAVID LANDAU, Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Golda Meir last night made an impassioned appeal to Moshe Dayan and Shimon Peres to rescind their decision not to serve in the new government. Speaking at the Labour Party Central Committee debate she said: "You have no right to do this . . . at this time when I know we shall have to face crucial and fateful decisions . . ."

Mrs. Meir said she would go ahead and form a minority government based on 58 Knesset Members in the hope that it would last. She noted that in the Scandinavian democracies such minority governments lasted for years, so long as the opposition parties were divided among themselves and did not unite to overthrow them.

But she warned that she could only for the government "if we are what we are... only if 54 is to be 54." (Labour and its Arab affiliated list command 54 Knesset seats.) The warning was directed both at the ex-Rafi faction led by Dayan and Peres, and at the doveish "rebels" Lyova Eliav and Yitzhak Ben-Aharon.

She could well understand, she said, that political leaders sometimes reached a "breaking point" and were tempted to throw back their mandates to their party in the wake of carping and criticism. It required inner courage to overcome this temptation — and she was asking Dayan and Peres now to summon up this courage.

If the two Rafi leaders remained adamant they might cause the unity of the party to be put into question. "You will never forgive yourself for that, Moshe Dayan," she said, looking down upon the Defence Minister who sat grim-faced in the front row. She called upon the ex-Rafi faction to persuade its leaders not to leave their tasks at this time.

In normal times, she said, it might be beneficial for Labour to drop into the opposition for a period. But these were not normal times, Likud's ascent to office would be a traged yfor the State. Likud's ideology was the word "no," while Labour sought to examine each issue on the merits and make pragmatic decisions without ever neglecting the nation's vital interests.

Moreover, if Labour agreed to join with Likud in a national unity government, Mapam would break away and Labour's strength within such a government would be substantially weakened.

She took issue with Ra'anan Weitz who had said the Labour-Likud issue was one of "for partition" or "against partition." Partition was not Labour's motto or its desire; it was the product of painful necessity and the hope and belief that territorial concessions could lead to a settlement.

On the coalition talks with NRP, the Premier said that party's "young guard" saw itself more naturally in alliance with Likud than with Labour. She hit out at the Lubavitcher Rebbe who preached from Brooklyn the eradication of socialism in Israel. His intervention in these terms with his hassidim here and with the NRP was a "tragedy," she asserted.

Replying to Lyova Eliav, Mrs. Meir recalled that after the war and before the elections she had demanded — and received — from the party Central Committee a vote of confidence by secret ballot. She had suggested at that time that other candidates put themselves forward for the party leadership, thinking that Eliav would do so. But he did not, and yet now he presumed to vote against the government in the Knesset on the supplementary budget bill.

No Labour M.K. had a mandate to vote in this way. This vote implied not the wish to topple the present leadership — but to topple the party under that leadership.

Mrs. Meir bitterly attacked the tone and content of the Central Committee debate which had been spread over three sessions. To put it mildly, she said, many speakers had been highly exaggerated in their criticism of the leadership and the government. They had talked as though her administration had done nothing to fight poverty, to help large families and young couples, and so on.

On their way out of yesterday's Cabinet meeting — one of their last barring yet another shift in party alignments — are Interior Minister Yosef Burg of the National Religious Party and Transport and Communications Minister Shimon Peres of Labour's Rafi wing. (Weiss Photo)

KISSINGER DUE FROM SYRIA ON WEDNESDAY

Will confer with Meir and Dayan

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will arrive in Jerusalem on Wednesday as planned, it was learned last night. He will come here from Damascus, the first leg of his Middle East tour.

The current developments in forming a new Israel Government has not altered Dr. Kissinger's travel plans. It was pointed out that it was also the present, transitional Government which negotiated the disengagement agreement with Egypt.

Dr. Kissinger, it was felt in Jerusalem, would presumably bring with him Syrian acceptance of Israel's preconditions on the prisoner of war issue, possibly bringing from Damascus a list of Israel PoWs.

This was assumed since Dr. Kissinger accepted the Israeli position not to enter into any separation of forces talks, directly or indirectly, without Syrian fulfilment of two conditions: the providing of the PoW list, and Red Cross visits to the prisoners.

This also ruled out any disengagement talks through Dr. Kissinger — unless the Israel preconditions were met.

It is understood that once the issue is settled, Dr. Kissinger would present Israel with Syria's proposal on the separation of forces. Israel was not expected to produce any plan of its own before receiving the Syrian proposal to which it would then react.

The Secretary of State's talks here will be with Prime Minister Golda Meir, and also with Defence Minister Dayan, as well as Foreign Minister Eban and Deputy Prime Minister Allon — the same line-up as for the previous Egyptian disengagement talks. (Mr. Dayan remains Minister of Defence until a new Cabinet gets a vote of confidence, Mrs. Meir may not present her new Cabinet until next week.)

While the Government is said not to have drawn up any separation of forces plan at this stage, it seems that Israel thinking centres on military disengagement within the area captured in October east of the 1967 cease-fire line. As one source here commented, "We're not now discussing final borders."

Dr. Kissinger is scheduled to pay two visits to Jerusalem during his Middle East tour which is to last about one week.

Israel Ambassador in Washington Simha Dinitz is arriving tomorrow for the Kissinger talks.

Cabinet briefed on security

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet classified most of its regular weekly session yesterday as a meeting of the Cabinet Ministers on Security. Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, and the Chief of Staff, R/A David Elazar, presented reports on security matters. Questions were put to them, and a lengthy discussion followed on the detailed implications of their surveys.

No decisions were taken, it is believed.

Dr. K leaves today

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger lunched with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy on the eve of his third trip to the Middle East to foster a peace settlement.

A State Department spokeswoman meanwhile said she could not confirm a Cairo report that the Syrians would give Dr. Kissinger a list of Israeli prisoners they hold.

The Kissinger-Fahmy lunch was at the home of Egypt's charge d'affaires here.

(Our Washington correspondent adds: Dr. Kissinger, on leaving the luncheon, was heard telling Fahmy: "See you Thursday" — which seems to confirm Kissinger's projected itinerary for Damascus on Tuesday, Jerusalem on Wednesday, and Cairo on Thursday.)

Dr. Kissinger leaves at 3 p.m. Israel time today for London and talks with British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home. He will spend the night in London, then fly to Damascus.

Officals said the trip will not be a repetition of the "shuttle diplomacy" that Dr. Kissinger conducted last month, flying repeatedly between Israel and Egypt to bring about a disengagement of forces along the Suez Canal.

TOO GREAT

Dr. Kissinger is known to feel that his personal involvement in the technical details of a Middle East settlement may have become too great — and speculation has arisen that the current trip may be his last.

The physical strain of his travels — he arrived from Mexico City on Saturday night after a meeting with Latin American foreign ministers — coupled with his belief that the combatants must produce their own settlement, may militate against future peace pilgrimages.

A major reason for his willingless to make the current trip has been an apprehension that neglect of Syria, after he has already invested personal effort for an Egyptian-Israeli disengagement, might persuade more radical Arabs that the U.S. had less concern for their interests than for the Egyptians.

His tour is also expected to take him to Amman and Cairo, and possibly Algiers and Riyadh. Algeria and Saudi Arabia took part in a recent four-nation Arab summit with Egypt and Syria.

Our Arab Affairs reporter adds: Cairo's semi-official "Al Ahram" yesterday said Syria will this week hand over the list of Israeli PoWs to Dr. Kissinger. The paper said that the list would be conveyed to Israel in return for the latter's undertaking to pull back from the enclave captured during the October war.

NO REFERENCE

"Al-Ahram" yesterday made no reference to its Saturday report which said that Egypt would be negotiating a military disengagement on the Golan front on behalf of Syria. By contrast, the paper yesterday said that the "Israel-Syran military negotiations were expected to be conducted in Geneva under the chairmanship of Unef commander General Ensio Siilasvuo.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's "Ar-Rai al-Am" newspaper yesterday quoted Syrian President Hafez Assad as saying that his country would oppose any settlement with Israel that falls short of a "complete and unconditional withdrawal from all occupied territories and the restoration of the rights of the Palestinian people."

Defeat for 'Young Guard'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour's "Young Guard" suffered a staggering defeat in the party's Central Committee yesterday. They were outvoted 311 to 22 on their bid to allow the Committee to disqualify, by secret poll, a Cabinet member chosen by the Prime Minister.

Defending the proposal, "Davar" columnist Danny Bloch, said ministers were given their posts by the Prime Minister, not the electors. Therefore, if 10 per cent of its members so requested, the Committee should be able to decide whether a particular member of the incoming Cabinet enjoyed the trust of the party.

It was clear to everyone in the packed hall that the motion was aimed at a possible blocking of Moshe Dayan's entry into the Cabinet, should he reverse his decision on staying out. His name itself was not mentioned in the discussion.

The official motion, put forward by party secretary-general Aharon Yadlin, was that the incumbent Premier should bring the list of ministers before the Knesset caucus. There is no fixed ruling on the subject in the party constitution — and until now the list of ministers was seen by the Leadership Bureau and the presidium of the Knesset faction.

Dr. Meir Avizohar urged that the party strengthen the prerogative of the Prime Minister to choose members of the Cabinet. Avraham Geveiber, of the Ahdut Ha'avoda faction, was also critical of the "Young Guard" proposal: "If one begins to question the suitability of one minister, why not suspect others, too?" he argued.

Dayan and Shimon Peres abstained in the vote.

Minority gov't approved

Labour hawks, doves have say at party meet

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The full spectrum of views and opinions which comprise the Labour Party were reflected in its four-hour Central Committee debate last night on the coalition negotiations and the future government. From Benny Marshak, of the greater Israel circle, to Lyova Eliav, the super-dove, the party members harangued the Central Committee on the merits or demerits of the present leadership, referring only in passing to the subject on the agenda: the proposed minority government of 58 seats.

At the end of the session, following a powerful plea from the Prime Minister to Messrs. Dayan and Peres to join the new government after all, the Central Committee voted overwhelmingly in favour of the minority government. Only five members voted against the proposed government, and two abstained.

Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin led off the debate with his report on the coalition talks. He made a scathing attack on the National Religious Party's "young guard" for deliberately "trpedoing" the talks. The "young guard" had misled the Labour negotiators into thinking that for them the issue of the West Bank was vital and the "Who's a Jew" question only marginally important, he said. But when Labour had made a satisfactory concession on the West Bank (by pledging to schedule new elections before the territorial question there is decided), the "young guard" turned intransigent on "Who is a Jew," he complained.

PRESSURE

"Their use of the rabbinate in this political game would only drive people away from religion, Mr. Yadlin asserted. And the Chief Rabbinate's failure to stand up to pressure from abroad had endangered its authority in Israeli life, he charged.

But, said Mr. Yadlin, while the NRP had been responsible for the failure of the talks, the public blamed the Labour Party too for the spectacle of its leaders spending so long on arduous negotiations over what were in fact subsidiary issues.

The Secretary-General warned of "the dynamics of division" which, he said, might be set in motion by the Rafi ministers' continued refusal to serve in the new government. No faction wanted a division, and the party in its present circumstance could very ill afford one, he said. Mr. Yadlin, therefore, reiterated Mrs. Meir's appeal to Dayan and Peres to revoke their decision. (This drew a smattering of applause from the hall, which was full, but not packed.)

Mr. Marshak lashed out at the party doves, at Lyova Eliav for his rebellio nagainst the leadership, at the pre-election "nevertheless Alignment" (B'chol zot hama'arach) movement which he said had harmed rather than helped the party. He called the minority about to be established the "edge of the abyss" as far as Labour was concerned. Only a renewal of unity and discipline could save the party from plunging to its doom, he ended.

Ra'anan Weitz, the head of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department, said it would be the task of the minority government to lead the nation to elections on the most crucial issue of all: partition of Eretz Israel. This issue represented the great divide between Labour and Likud, he said.

Accordingly, he demanded of Moshe Dayan, how could Dayan speak in favour of a national unity government with Likud?

Weitz posed another question to the departing Defence Minister: Why was he leaving now? Whatever his true motives, his move would be widely interpreted as the result of conscience qualms, a guilt complex over his handling of the war, he said.

Lyova Eliav, a former party secretary-general, said he regarded himself now as a lone fighter within the party for the ouster of the present leadership. He said he now regretted being a Knesset candidate (and member) on the some list as people who before the December elections objected to reopening the lists, and were now demanding precisely that.

But the next speaker, party veteran David Hacohen, branded Eliav a hypocrite for running for the Knesset together with the leaders he so strongly opposed. What moral right had he to speak now, Hacohe nthundered? Where had he been on December 31?

SARID

Hacohen had harsh words for young Knesset member and Sapir protege Yosef Sarid, who has been in the forefront of the criticism of Moshe Dayan. He compared Dayan's achievemnts as a Palmah fighter to those of Sarid at the same age. He questioned Sarid's worthiness for Knesset membership and spoke of "arse-licking" in this connection.

Hacohen warned that if a day of reckoning came he was not at all sure that he and other unaffiliated party members would vote against Rafi.

Ya'acov Tsur, the JNF head, said the spectacle of Labour Party leaders "eating each other up in public" was demoralizing to the Jewish people abroad as well as the nation in Israel. He said he still had faith in the leadership, although, of course, he had questions and criticism and he called now for a united front within the party.

He said he had heard that the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menahem Schneerson of Brooklyn, had told his Hassidim in Israel that the present situation offered a once-only opportunity to "get rid of the Socialist regime."

Aharon Harel (ex-Rafi) said he felt there was still room for efforts to perusade Messrs. Dayan and Peres to withdraw their resignations. He recalled that Ben-Gurion had once refused outright to form a government unless Mr. Sapir and Mrs. Meir agreed to serve in it.

Ovadia Porat (ex-Rafi) called for the abolition of the factionalism within the Labour Party — a call echoed by many other speakers and by Mrs. Meir herself.

Yisrael Granit (ex-Mapai) was among the few speakers who opposed the minority government. He urged Dayan not to quit the government for internal party reasons and advised instead that the present government continue in office until the Agranat Committee's findings are published — when elections should be held.

80 listed as missing on Syrian front

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Eighty names are listed in the first official estimate of the number of soldiers missing and unaccounted for since the October War on the Golan Heights. The list, released by the Army spokesmen yesterday, includes air crews, armoured corps, artillery and infantrymen and soldiers of other units.

The tally includes men identified in pictures taken in Syria of PoWs.

Israel refuses to discuss disengagement with the Syrians before Damascus hands over a list of the prisoners and allows the Red Cross to visit them.

The Paris weekly "L'Express" claimed, in its latest issue, the Syrians are holding a toal of 126 men. The magazine's correspondent in Damascus claimed this included "a large number of pilots" as well as six electronic technicians captured on the Mount Hermon "listening post."

This figure contradicts both estimate's of the Army spokesman and a "Newsweek" report that the Syrians were holding only about 50 prisoners.

The French correspondent also writes that Damascus was "admitting with embarrassment" the murder of Israeli prisoners, allegedly blaming this on Iraqi and Moroccan units "who did not spare the lives of any of their captives."

This, however, does not agree with known facts. At least some of the murdered soldiers were found in areas which were held by Syrian units before they were recaptured by Israeli troops.

The Defence Ministry and the Army have announced the publication of a memorial booklet containing the names of the fallen and missing of the Yom Kippur War until February 12.

Names have been omitted where families objected.

The names of those missing on the Syrian front have also been excluded.

The lists will include name, rank, parents' name, place of residence, and the former family name where the family requested it.

The booklet is to be distributed to the bereaved families on March 10, and will be made available to the public the following day, through various public institutions and the post office branches. It will also be distributed in the army units, and throughout the Israel Missions and Consulates abroad. The booklet will be prefaced with the Yizkor prayer, David's Lament, and Psalm 83.

Sadat sees success in Syria-Israel accord

LAHORE (AP). — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt predicted yesterday that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger would likely succeed in achieving a disengagement of Israel and Syrian forces.

"Dr. Kissinger is coming to the area in a very few days, and what happened in the disengagement on the Egyptian front, I think can be done on the Syrian front," Sadat told a news conference at the end of a two-day visit.

Sadat said disengagement on the Syrian front "will be a very good step" towards lifting the Arab oil embargo against the U.S. But he said the decision would be taken only when Arab oil ministers meet next month.

At the same time, he cautioned against "overlinking the lifting of the oil embargo with disengagement" and said that other Arab leaders had to be consulted.

Sadat indicated his Arab allies might insist that Washington should first demonstrate it is changing its policy toward the Arabs before the embargo can be lifted.

He said: "The United States always has been aligned with Israel, and provided Israel from the loaf of bread to the Phantom. So when the United States changes its policy toward justice, not to be on our side but for justice, and I think they are changing, I think then everything will be eased."

Asked what evidence he had of U.S. policy changes toward the Arabs, he said: "I have had more than four or five meetings with Dr. Kissinger. I can feel it, that there is a change, especially after the very dark era of the Johnson Administration."

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Shooting on Golan Heights

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Exchanges of light automatic weapons fire were reported from Tel Shams on the Golan Heights at three p.m. yesterday afternoon.

There were no casualties or damages.

NRP split on next move

TEL AVIV. — The National Religious Party will tomorrow inform the Labour Alignment whether it plans to abstain or to vote against, when Mrs. Meir presents her minority government to the Knesset. At a meeting between the two factions yesterday, NRP leaders were split over the issue. Dr. Yitzhak Raphael, and the party's Secretary, Zvi Bernstein, favoured NRP abstention, while Interior Minister Yosef Burg believed the party should vote against. The NRP was due to take a decision on the matter today.

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir told the NRP the Alignment will keep the three Ministries they now held open until they join the coalition. But he was startled to hear the Religious party was not satisfied with the portfolios it held previously. "Why not education?" Dr. Burg asked. "Or perhaps finance"?

"Finance you can have any minute," Mr. Sapir said angrily.

On the "Who's a Jew" it was agreed that the Committee of Five, in which the Alignment, the Independent Liberals and the NRP are represented, will have another meeting this afternoon.

Economic ministers

The Committee of Economic Ministers will discuss the Bank of Israel report on the increase in the means of payment during the period Jnue 29 to October 31, last year, the Cabinet decided at its weekly meeting yesterday.

Bar-Lev can order Haifa bakers back to work

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev was yesterday empowered by the Cabinet to issue "back-to-work" orders compelling the Haifa bakers to works specifed hours unless they resumed normal work.

The Cabinet decision was adopted unanimously ater Mr. Bar-Lev said the Haifa Labour Council had failed to persuade the bakers to resume work at 4 a.m. as usual.

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Carless day to be cut to 12 hours

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The carless day introduced last December will be cut to 12 hours as of Friday March 1, the Cabinet decided yesterday.

Drivers will be allowed to use their cars after dark, but will still be compelled to garage them during working hours on their chosen carless day, from six a.m. to six p.m., an ad hoc Cabinet committee decided on behalf of the full Cabinet.

Since the original Emergency Regulations establishing the carless day are due to expire next week anyway, a bill will be tabled in the Knesset this week, to empower the Transport Minister to continue the carless day on the new restricted basis for another 12 months.

For two and three wheeled vehicles, however, the carless day will be abolished altogether, the Cabinet decided.

Transport Minister Shimon Peres, who raised the matter in the Cabinet, said that drivers had been using their cars less during the past three months — partly because of the carless day and partly because fuel prices had gone up. However, he noted, public transport was still inadequate after working hours, because many bus lines stopped running at eight or nine p.m.

The full Cabinet empowered three Ministers, Mr. Peres, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel and Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, to take the detailed decision in its name, and they promptly did so.

Religious Affairs Minister Zerah Warhaftig suggested that since the terms of the carless day were being altered, it was time to reconsider the Sabbath arrangement whereby the carless day did not coincide with the Sabbath (sunset Friday to sunset Saturday) but ran from two a.m. Saturday morning till sunset Saturday — an arrangement which incensed Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren as well as the NRP. Mr. Peres commented that an arrangement keeping cars idle throughout the Jewish Sabbath would mean lengthening the carless day — whereas he was proposing that it be shortened.

Interviewed on the Israel Broadcasting newsreel last night, Mr. Peres said he believed the carless day in its short form would have to remain till the road network was expanded, or curbs introduced on import of cars, or the country's 800,000 pupils and 50,000 teachers were compelled to travel at different hours, outside of the morning and afternoon peak periods.

£1m. painting by Vermer stolen

LONDON (UPI). — Burglars late on Saturday stole a painting valued at £1m. from a Hampstead house, police said yesterday. The painting, "The Guitar Player" by Jan Vermeer, was taken by thieves who broke in through a window.

Art dealer Hugh Leggatt said the painting's loss was "the most appalling artistic vandalism to have befallen Britain this century."

Weatherman in disgrace after cold and rainy 'heat wave'

Jerusalem Post Staff

HAIFA. — The Meteorological Service suffered its biggest failure of the winter yesterday. The "heat wave" it had forecast in fact turned into one of the nastiest days of the year, with cold, dusty and very strong winds in the morning, and heavy showers in the afternoon.

Many residents were caught with light summer clothing, and newspapers and the radio received irate calls demanding an explanation for the misleading forecast.

In response to the public outcry the weatherman revised his outlook and predicted another day of cloudy weather with occasional rains and strong winds today (up to 25-30 knots per hour). But most of the dusty air will clear as some south-westerly humid air is expected during the morning and noon hours, he said. The rains will increase tomorrow, he added.

In Tiberias, an easterly windstorm ("sharkia") which started on Saturday night blew itself out at noon yesterday, after causing considerable damage to the property of local fishermen. Several boats sank in Lake Kinneret, and a IL5,000 net was blown out of the water and torn to pieces.

Metre-high waves crashed onto the shores, but caused no damage as the Lake is still 1.5 metres below its normal level. When the wind died down, light rain started to fall.

The strong winds blew throughout the Galilee, doing some damage to trees. At Acre, the tent of the Borcelona Circus was damaged.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Hazy and cloudy with scattered showers intensifying during the day, a drop in temperatures in the Negev and Sinai and local thunderstorms.

Weather synopsis: A deep trough over the central and Eastern Mediterranean is causing instability in our region.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	42	10—15	8—10
Golan	58	6—11	4— 8
Nahariya	31	17—22	12—18
Safad	53	9—11	6— 9
Haifa	50	— 19	11—16
Tiberias	37	16—21	13—16
Nazareth	57	13—15	10—12
Afula	45	17—19	13—16
Shomron	36	13—18	10—14
Tel Aviv	41	18—25	13—18
Lod	34	14—24	12—17
Jericho	51	18—24	15—19
Gaza	40	15—24	13—19
Beersheba	38	15—20	12—17
Eilat	74	17—25	15—21
Tiran	61	16—23	14—21

Social and Personal

The Mexican Ambassador, Mrs. Rosario Castellanos, yesterday visited the Haifa University and lunched with Acting President Eliezer Rafaeli and Enrique Feldman, Treasurer of the Mexican Friends of the University.

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Ruth Whitman, American poet and translator of Yiddish poetry, will read from her works at the U.S. Cultural Centre, 19 Rehov Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Admission free.

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Dr. O. Toffler, of Royal Perth Hospital, Western Australia, is to lecture on Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery in the Shaare Zedek Hospital School of Nursing Building, on Tuesday, February 26, 1974 at 12.30.

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ARRIVALS

Annie Levy, director of the Keren Hayesod in Geneva, at the head of a study tour by Keren Hayesod leaders.

Professor Massimiliano Aloia, at the head of a delegation from the National Research Council of Italy, for a 10-day visit as guests of the National Council for Research and Development (by El Al)

DEPARTURES

Yosef Carmel, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University, for South Africa to visit groups of Friends of the University.

Dr. Joachim Segura, director of the Argentine airlines Aerolineas in Israel, to open a new company branch in Ecuador (by El Al).

IDF redeploying in Sinai

700 men in DM zone

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Israel Defence Force units are redeploying in their new lines. In the demilitarized zone, some 700 men will patrol an area of some 200 kilometres. Under the disengagement agreement, they will have only thirty tanks at their disposal but there are no restrictions to the number of troop carriers which can be stationed in the zone.

It is unlikely the Defence Ministry will invest more than an absolute minimum in static line-type fortifications.

Meanwhile preparations are being completed for the final phase of the separation of forces, scheduled for next Tuesday, March 5. The last Israeli units are expected to pull out from their Suez bank bridgeheads at six o'clock in the evening.

According to unconfirmed reports here, both the Israeli and the Egyptian air forces were sending out high-flying reconnaissance aircraft, capable of scanning each other's demilitarized zones while remaining within their own air confines.

Foreign sources are saying that the Egyptians should be able to use the Mig 2-25 "Foxbat" put at their disposal by the Russians, some of which are being flown by Egyptian pilots. The Foxbat is said to be capable of reaching altitudes in excess of 100,000 feet.

Egyptian mine clearance troops probe for mines and explosives at Famara, a small harbour on the western bank of the Suez Canal, after the withdrawal of Israel troops. Two of the 14 ships trapped in the Great Bitter Lakes since the 1967 war are shown in the background. (AP radiophoto)

Employers sign 6% accord

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The employers and the Histadrut yesterday reached an agreement by which the employers will pay the six per cent C-o-L allowance advance as of February 1.

The meeting, attended by Manufacturers Association president Mark Mosevics and other industrial leaders, and by the Histadrut leaders Yeruham Meshel and Uriel Abrahamowicz, also called for a joint committee to examine wage negotiations in preparation for new agreements. It was agreed that new wage contracts would be negotiated as of April 1.

The Manufacturers have thus retreated from their earlier position, which made the payment of the six per cent conditional on extending the term of the current wage agreements by another year.

Begin counts majority for national gov't

TEL AVIV. — The Likud sees the entire Government as responsible for the blunders connected with the Yom Kippur War, not merely one or a few Ministers, Menahem Begin told students of the Shevah Technical High School here yesterday.

The Opposition Leader said: "No one in Israel, in government or in opposition, can tell you when peace will come; and certainly no one has the right to delude you." Peace can come only as a function of security, he added, and Israel's security will be reduced as of March 5, when Egypt will be free to move forces into Sinai.

Mr. Begin pointed out that a majority of the Knesset is in favour of a national-unity government, to encompass all parties except the Communists. These, he said, include 62 members of the Likud, the NRP, the ex-Rafi wing of the Labour Party and Agudat Israel. Even one of the Independent Liberal MKs, Mr. Begin related, approached him and said he supports such a Government. Yet, despite the dangers and pressures which the country will undoubtedly have to face in the near future, the Alignment wishes to compose a minority cabinet, he complained. *(Itim)*

Colonel rebuked for criticising a Minister

POST Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The Chief of Staff last week publicly reprimanded a colonel for criticizing a Cabinet member, at a gathering of army officers. The colonel was asked to leave the meeting.

The Army spokesman commented here yesterday evening that, while the IDF encourages free speech and self-criticism, it could not tolerate criticism of the State's elected institutions or leaders.

The disclosure of the Chief of Staff's reprimand followed a Knesset question tabled by Yosef Sarid.

Dayan invited to WJC session

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, said yesterday he had invited Defence Minister Moshe Dayan to address the WJC Convention in The Hague on March 18.

The WJC head, who left for Paris yesterday, said Mr. Dayan was glad to receive the invitation, and would probably attend if he does not join the new Cabinet. *(Itim)*

Motti wants to make sure

Motti Ashkenazi, the 33-year-old captain (Res.) who has been campaigning for Defence Minister Moshe Dayan's resignation, renewed his sit-in demonstration opposite the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem yesterday.

Ashkenazi, who commanded the northernmost position of the Bar-Lev line during the Yom Kippur War, has claimed that Mr. Dayan must resign because he bears parliamentary responsibility for the blunders of the war. He said he would continue his campaign so long as he were not certain Mr. Dayan would indeed refuse to join the new Cabinet. *(Itim)*

42% in Dahaf poll want Dayan to stay

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — In a telephone poll made by the Dahaf Research Institute yesterday, 42 per cent of the 530 men and women asked said they wanted Moshe Dayan to stay on as Defence Minister, and 37.3 per cent said they did not. Another 11 and half per cent "did not know," and 9.2 per cent had not yet made up their minds. The poll was conducted among 233 men and 297 women in Jerusalem, Haifa, Beersheba and the Dan region.

Boy killed on Hebron road

An eight-year-old boy was killed in Hebron yesterday in a road accident.

Zafer Abu Isa was hit by a taxi as he crossed the road. The driver, Muheidin Abdin, 30, of Hebron, was detained by police for questioning.

THE DEPUTY CHIEF of Ben-Gurion Airport's police, Chief Inspector Yoram Raveh, has been promoted to the rank of Superintendent.

Bread reappears in Haifa after interim bakers' strike settlement

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Bread will reappear in Haifa shops after an interim solution ended a 24-hour overtime strike and subsequent lockout in the city's bakeries.

The Haifa Labour Council persuaded both the bakers and the bakery owners to end their measures yesterday in return for a promise to take up demands for higher pay at once.

The bakers first served notice of their demand for a IL200 monthly wage increase in a letter to the bakery owners, with a copy to the Haifa Labour Council, on January 28. When no results were forthcoming, they announced last Thursday that they would not work overtime. When indeed they failed to show up for work at 4 a.m. yesterday, the two largest bakeries in the Bayside area locked them out.

On Friday, supplies of *hallot* were late in appearing in Haifa shops because the bakers showed up late. Yesterday, because of the lockout, no bread was available at all. Some Haifa housewives coped by either baking bread themselves and others bought pitta in the Arab areas of the city.

Much credit for the settlement went to David Golub, the Haifa District Labour Relations Officer, who aided negotiations conducted by the Haifa Labour Council. The makers, threatened by the possibility of government back-to-work orders (reported on page 1), and the bakeries, under much public pressure to reopen, agreed to the interim settlement.

It was not clear yesterday whether any action had been taken on the bakers' original demands in their January letter. A Labour Council spokesman only said yesterday that the sanctions "took us by surprise." The Council disowned the bakers' measures, but offered to negotiate on their behalf for an increase in two months when the current labour agreement runs out, and only if they resumed normal working hours immediately. The Council also criticized the bakeries for their lockout, which it termed a "drastic step."

Observers here noted that the bakers asked for a IL200 monthly pay increase not after the cancellation of government subsidies on essential food and transport, but only after the strike of the merchant navy officers. The pay increases the officers demanded were as high as most bakers' entire take-home pay.

Before yesterday's settlement, Amnon Linn, Likud member of the Knesset Labour Committee, had asked the presidium for an urgent motion for the agenda to debate the strike. "For many large families bread is the main food. No labour dispute, not even the most reasonable demands of the workers, can justify the denial of bread to children and to large families," Linn said in his telegram to Jerusalem. "The Haifa Labour Council is incapable of solving the problem quickly. It is the duty of the Knesset to take it up and to spare the population of Haifa further suffering."

The Likud faction in the Municipal Council also appealed to Mayor Almogi to use his influence to end the deadlock.

Tourist bookings up since accord

Flight reservations by American Jews planning to visit Israel in 1974 have risen sharply since the signing of the Israel-Egyptian disengagement accords, it was reported in Jerusalem yesterday.

Betty Alderson, director of overseas programmes for the American Jewish Congress, told the organization's biennial convention in the King David that bookings are currently running at a higher rata than last year at the same time.

Mrs. Alderson said she was "cautiously optimistic" that the pace of reservations would continue to rise and that 1974 might approach the record level of 1972.

The Congress, which has brought 100,000 visitors to Israel in the past 10 years, is the largest single factor in the group-travel-to-Israel field, carrying more visitors to Israel than all other Jewish organizations combined.

Mrs. Alderson outlined plans for increasing still further the number of bookings for Israel during the next 12 months, with particular emphasis on person-to-person contacts between American Jews and Israelis.

"We believe American Jews visiting Israel must come not as ordinary tourists but to create a relationship with the people," she said. "That is why our programme emphasizes life-seeing as well as sight-seeing, exposing American Jews not only to the history and geography of the State but to the students, artists, housewives and others who are forging a new nation."

Two workers killed in Nahariya

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three accidental deaths were reported yesterday, two of them in Nahariya.

Lutfi Harav, 42, of Abu Snan village, was killed at the Sela Hatsafon block factory in Nahariya when the arm of a fork lift he was repairing fell and struck his head. A Ministry of Labour inspector arrived at the scene and instituted an inquiry.

The other death in Nahariya was that of Valia Shurfu, 47, who worked at the Beit Husan old people's home. The deceased, a diabetic, died when she fell during work.

Abdul Latif Ali, 90, of Mazra'a a-Sharqiya, near Ramallah, was found dead in his home yesterday. An investigation revealed that he was asphyxiated by fumes emitted by a charcoal burner near his bed.

Dan threatens to strike over sherut plan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Dan bus co-operative yesterday threatened to strike if the city goes ahead with its plan to have taxicabs take over bus routes when Dan stops running at night.

The city's aim is to provide Tel Avivians with a means of inexpensive transport after 10 o'clock when the last Dan buses start on their final round. The cabs were to ply the routes on a sherut basis.

Dan said this would be tantamount to "sticking a knife in our backs" at a time when many of its drivers and vehicles are mobilized. It said it feared that the cab drivers would later on refuse to give up the routes even when bus service returns to normal.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

A JEWISH-ARAB culture club, named Beit Kedem, was opened on Saturday night in Acre with a ceremony attended by Acre's Mayor, its Kadi and many of the town's dignitaries.

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THE EZRAT HOLIM (aid for the sick) organization in Rehovot has opened a drive among the city's synagogues for blood donations to Magen David Adom. The drive has the blessing of Chief Rabbi Simha Hacohen Kook.

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A "GYM STRIKE" was staged by pupils of the Dersley Comprehensive High School in Acre yesterday, who refused to attend gym classes in protest of the delay in installing sport facilities in the eight-year-old school. The school is attended by 1,000 pupils.

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FAILURE TO COMPLY with an emergency order to report for work in an essential industry last November resulted in a IL1,000 fine for a truck driver. The driver, Jamil Titi, 42, of Beanah village near Carmiel, was sentenced by the Haifa Magistrate yesterday.

PRISON TERMS of three years and 18 months, respectively, were imposed by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday on Shlomo Yehuda of Lydda and Mevorach Zuariz of Tel Aviv, for possession of two Uzi submachine guns stolen from the car of a reservist shortly after the Yom Kippur War.

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REPRESENTATIVES of the service station owners, fuel companies and the Government Fuel Authority have agreed to submit their dispute over the commissions paid for fuel sales to arbitration by a committee whose decision will be accepted by all sides.

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BAR ILAN UNIVERSITY yesterday began its special semester for soldiers released from service. Those eligible include all first-year students kept from beginning their studies by the war. By studying now and at the summer session, they will be able to start the next academic year with the rest of the University's students.

Changes in top Egyptian posts predicted

BEIRUT (Reuter). — A Lebanese daily newspaper said yesterday that Egypt would soon witness important changes in the top civilian and military positions.

The newspaper "An-Nahar" said in a dispatch from Cairo that the changes might involve Vice-President Mahmoud Fawzi, who was likely to retire, as well as leading figures in military sectors.

The reasons for the changes were prompted by President Anwar Sadat's belief that developments after the October war necessitated a review of the positions of several officials.

The newspaper's correspondent in Cairo expected that the changes would begin with the presidential palace and that Fawzi, a former prime minister and foreign minister, would quit his post as vice-president.

Faisal refuses to be 'Prince of the Faith'

BEIRUT (Reuter).— King Faisal of Saudi Arabia has turned down a suggestion to proclaim him "prince of the faithful," the spiritual leader of Islam, the Beirut daily "An-Nahar" said yesterday.

Quoting Arad diplomatic sources, the newspaper said President Sadat of Egypt, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi of Libya and President Abdel-Rahman al-Iryani of North Yemen made the suggestion to King Faisal when they met him before leaving for the Islamic summit in Lahore last week.

The title was last held by the Ottoman Sultan.

The newspaper said that Pakistan's Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and other Moslem leaders had put forward a similar suggestion but King Faisal turned the offer down.

Group medicine: IL100 a visit, but the patients pay cheerfully

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A new method of providing medical aid, based on a variation of the "group practice" plan, is now functioning in Tel Aviv.

The "Polyclinic Medical Centre," was founded six months ago with two specialists; today, it has 16 specialists in various fields, with another one joining soon, and it is looking around for yet another two. Of the existing staff, the overwhelming majority was trained in English-speaking countries where "group practices" are common. Fourteen of the 16 are associated full-time with various hospitals in the Greater Tel Aviv area, and two have independent private practices.

"Patients are seen only by private appointment, or upon referral by another physician," says a spokesman for the Centre. Visits are usually in the afternoons, but the Clinic is open two mornings a week.

The first visit costs approximately IL100; subsequent visits cost less. Tests are extra; so are X-rays and, of course, so are medicines.

Question: "Isn't this rather a high fee?"

Answer: "The first examination lasts from 30 to 60 minutes. The patients are treated as human beings not as numbers. Appointments are kept, and rarely does a patient have to wait more than 10-15 minutes. The doctors are not rushed. The result: not only are they willing to pay, but they also when in a cheerful "thank you" when they do. Anyone is willing to pay a bit more for good health — if he thinks he is getting his money's worth."

Another reason why the patients pay "cheerfully," one doctor says, is "that the patient's condition is discussed and explained to him frankly, and in terms he can understand. We don't follow the European practice of telling the patient only what the doctor thinks he should know, plus a reassuring 'don't worry, every thing will turn out all right.' A lot of patients leave such doctors not only with a physical ailment, but in mental distress as well. They are immediately suspicious and run to another doctor for reassurance. And then to a third one — which all costs money. We work on the premise that the patient prefers the truth — for which we prepare him — rather than the gnawing suspicion that something is being hidden from him."

One of the basic difficulties facing the patient is not paying the bill but the problem of "self-diagnosis." Some patients think they know which one of the 16 specialists they should consult. They are wrong. The Clinic proposes engaging a diagnostician to direct the patients to the proper physician.

At present, a patient who "misdiagnoses" himself is sent by the specialist he asked to see (who does not charge a fee) to another one, not necessarily a member of the clinic.

As one doctor explains: "We send the patient to the best doctor available, and if I honestly believe that the doctor next door is not the best, I do not hesitate to send the patient even as far as Haifa."

Question: "Doesn't a patient, by paying you a private fee, expect you to get him swift admission to the hospital where you work, even if his medical history does not warrant it?"

Answer: "A patient seen by any specialist here who needs hospital treatment must decide whether he wants the specialist to treat him in a private hospital (such as Assuta), or whether he wishes to be referred to his own sick fund, which will arrange for hospitalization through normal channels. There is no monkey business here."

Iran seeks walk-over in tennis

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sport Reporter

TEL AVIV.— The Israel Lawn Tennis Association (ILTA) yesterday cabled its Iranian opposite number asking it to finalize without further delay the dates of the Davis Cup preliminary between the two countries.

The European Zone tie was scheduled for last October 9-11 in Teheran, but the International Tennis Federation later accepted Israel's explanation that because of the outbreak of war, new dates should be arranged. The Iranian L.T.A. has failed to respond to numerous Israeli requests to comply, pleading that outdoor tennis was impossible in Teheran in the early spring because of the danger of rain

The ILTA has offered to play the match — which must be completed by April 7 — at any venue, whether in Iran, Israel or a neutral country.

On Friday, the ILTA was shocked to receive a copy of a letter from the International Federation which indicated that Iran now expected a walkover. The international body replied that the tie must be played in accordance with its earlier decision.

"We will under no circumstances give Iran a walk-over," ILTA chairman Avram Felger told The Post last night.

Sara and David Schonbrun, Israel (New York)
are happy to announce
the engagement of their daughter
Esti (Ellen)
to
Harold
Son of Barney and Sara Rubin, Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

With great sorrow we announce the death of the head of our family,

ABRAHAM CHAIM MICHAELIS

The funeral will leave this afternoon, February 25, 1974, at 3 o'clock from Kfar Hanoar Hadati for the Kfar Hassidim cemetery.

THE BEREAVED FAMILY

Our beloved mother and grandmother

BATYA KROLL

died on February 24, 1974.

The funeral will be held in Kibbutz Maayan Baruch this afternoon, Monday, February 25, at 3.30

The Kroll family
Kibbutz Maayan Baruch

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved

JOSEPH KAMEL GEDAY

The funeral will take place at 3.30 p.m. today, Monday, February 25, 1974, at the Latin Church, Terra Santa, Rehov Yefet, Jaffa.

THE FAMILY

In deep sorrow, we announce the untimely death of

ERNESTO GRADMANN ז"ל

(formerly Buenos Aires — Fürth i/B)

The funeral took place on Feb. 24, 1974.

Wife: Betty Gradmann-Gans
Braun Families and relatives
in Israel and abroad.

Shiva: 8 Rehov Bar Kochba, French Hill, Jerusalem.

We announce with deep sorrow the passing of our dear father and grandfather

EDWIN ELIYAHU SCHWARZBART

ENGINEER

The funeral took place yesterday, February 24, in Ma'agan Michael.

The Family
Shoshana and Yehuda Engel
Ma'agan Michael and
the Ruth and Willie Yaron
family, Tel Aviv

The Joint Israel Appeal of Great Britain and Ireland
and its Israel office
extend sincere condolences
to
CHAIM VINITSKY
on the death of his father

GERSHON VINITSKY ז"ל

We mourn the sudden death in an accident of our beloved and only son, brother, brother-in-law and uncle

MICHAEL FRANKFURTER

Member of Kibbutz Yiron
Ilse and Heinrich Frankfurter, Kiryat Ono
Ruth and Dr. Pierre Adler, Paris
Uriel, Marion and Corinne

The Panel of Airline Representatives in Israel
mourns the death of our dear colleague

LOTHER STERNBERG

Israel Representative of Austrian Airlines,

and extends condolences to the bereaved family.

We share in the grief of the family and AUA AUSTRIAN AIRLINES on the tragic loss of their beloved Director

LOTHER STERNBERG

The Palex Tours Family
Management and Staff

Single immigrants have housing plan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A group of single immigrants in Jerusalem are planning to set up a non-profit corporation to build small, low-priced flats which single people can afford to buy.

The decision is the outcome of discussions at the convention of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel here last month, but the plan is open to immigrants from all countries. The "singles" are dissatisfied with living "like gypsies," having to move from one rental accommodation to another every year, while having to pay between half and two thirds of their salary in rent.

Under the new plan, the government would supply them with cheap land on which they would build one and two-room flats. These would be sold to "singles" with reasonable down-payments and using their immigrant mortgage rights. An owner who married could sel his share in the corporation and use the money to buy a larger flat on the open market.

Norma Schneider, spokesman for the group, stressed that housing difficulties for single persons are often a factor in their leaving the country. The group is holding an organizational meeting at Hillel House, Rehov Balfour, on Thursday evening.

Accident victim gets bureaucratic run-around

By YAACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Five months after port worker Meir Levi, 38, of Tel Hanan, a father of five, suffered multiple fractures and other injuries in a traffic accident, he is still in a plaster cast at the Rambam Hospital here, and his family is still waiting for the financial support from the National Insurance Institute to which it is entitled. Bureaucracy at the Institute and the hospital coupled with indifference on the part of his employer have combined to hold up compensation.

Levi was hit by a car (whose driver is facing trial) on September 11 last year while he was crossing the Nazareth road near Tel Hanan with another man (who escaped injury). Both were employed that evening by the Labour Party branch at a public meeting prior to the Histadrut elections. No member of the Labour Party has visited the patient at the hospital since he recovered consciousness 48 hours after admission, nor his family at home to ask whether it needed any help. Kindly neighbours saw to it that the three Levi children did not go hungry.

The Labour Party branch here did not pay Levi his IL80 wage until two months after the accident and did not inform the Labour Ministry of the work accident as the law requires. Nor did it issue Levi a confirmation that he was employed by it at the time of the accident. Without such confirmation the National Insurance Institute can pay no compensation to accident victims. It was given to Levi's wife only on December 30 (over three months after the accident) when she created an uproar at Party headquarters.

The National Insurance Institute also needs a certificate from the hospital giving the diagnosis of a victim's injuries. The Rambam Hospital confirmed only that the man was "in hospital." "This certificate does not meet the requirements of our regulations. The hospital must issue one on the proper form in its possession," the N.I.I. wrote the lawyer who had volunteered to take up Levi's case.

Only when the lawyer personally explained the case to a hospital official, did the latter issue the proper certificate. It was sent to the N.I.I. where it has been lying for four weeks. Up to last week no subsistence payment has been received by the Levis. "When I appealed to a senior Labour Party secretary here on the grounds of humanity he answered: "Keep me out of this. It concerns Tel Hanan," the lawyer said.

When questioned on this, the secretary of the Labour Party branch here, Moshe Wertman, MK, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he would "have the matter looked into" by the Tel Hanan party officials.

Tel Aviv opposition to open complaint bureau

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Alignment municipal opposition yesterday announced plans to open a public complaints bureau about the new Likud administration.

At their first press conference as Town Hall opposition members, several of the 11 Alignment councillors explained that their purpose would be to hear Tel Avivians' complaints and then to bring them up in the City Council.

Councillors Eliahu Speizer and Shraga Kantor announced that the opposition office will be located at 9 Rehov Bialinson, but the new Likud administration may yet grant the opposition a Town Hall office, a move which the Alignment had always refused to make for the Likud when the latter was in opposition.

Mr. Speizer also announced that the Alignment councillors are to set up a shadow municipal executive. Former Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz will not be part of it as he is expected to resign from the Council shortly, along with Yosef Geva. They will be replaced by Rafi's Nahum Raz and Nathan Wallach. The number two man on the Alignment list, Zim Managing Director Moshe Kashti, will, however, stay on.

The new opposition has several complaints, chief of them that there are 14 portfolios in the new municipal executive as against 12 which the outgoing Alignment administration had. This, they argue, will undermine efficiency. The Alignment would like to see no more than seven portfolios.

On the other hand, they complain that no "quality-of-life" portfolio has been created.

HEBREW U. APPOINTMENTS

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem announces the following appointments:

To full Professor: Drs. Guidobaldo Cevidalli (applied chemistry), Meir Dwass (statistics), Mervyn Gotsman (internal medicine).

To Visiting Professor: Drs. Shmuel Ben-Yaakov (oceanography), Norman Gottwald, Norman Safran and Michael Heltzer (School for Overseas Students), Benjamin Hrushovski (comparative literature), Max Jammer (history and philosophy of science), Jacob Padova (chemistry), Eugene Sevin (geology), Miriam Shiloh (graduate school for applied science and technology), Yoel Sussman (law).

To Associate Professor: Drs. Robert Center (applied physics), Samuel Moskowitz (applied mathematics), Dori Parolla (physiology), Michael Ram (School for Overseas Students, physics), William L. Silver (business administration).

TO SPEND IL100m. HERE

Ort opens emergency conference

Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 400 delegates from all over the world have arrived in Jerusalem for the World Ort Union's emergency congress which opened at the Diplomat Hotel yesterday.

Max Braude, director-general of the 94-year-old vocational education organization, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that Ort's congress — held once every five years — was advanced from 1975 to this year because of the monetary "emergency" being faced by the organization.

"Our worldwide budget for this year is $36m.," he explained, "and our expenses here in Israel will be approximately IL100m. The devaluation of the dollar, coupled with inflation, has increased our operating costs immensely."

Mr. Braudre said Israel's network of Ort schools — 80 institutions — is the largest of all Ort systems anywhere, and supplies the local labour force with 45,000 graduates annually. Approximately 40 per cent of all the country's trainees are graduates of an Ort academy.

Outside Israel, Ort not only maintains vocational schools, but undertakes work for governmental international assistance programmes. The U.S. Government's Agency for International Development and similar agencies of the Swiss, Swedish and Canadian governments utilize Ort's know-how and personnel for training programmes in under-developed countries. Courses range from road building to operation of mother-and-child health centres.

Although more than 90 per cent of Ort's members are Jewish, the organization's schools are non-sectarian. In Morocco, 12 per cent of Ort's enrolment is Moslem, and in France, 15 per cent of the students are non-Jewish. Here in Israel, five Ort schools are maintained —three in Jerusalem and one each in Nazareth and Haifa.

Mr. Braude said; "Israel should be proud at the fact that it is catching up with Japan, in that two out of three graduates of primary schools go into vocational secondary schools. This is a healthy situation, I think."

In Israel, he said, vocational education is held on par with academic schooling, with the dropout rate in both types of school similar. Vocational schools prepare their students for matric examinations and many graduates go on to one-and two-year courses as technicians, or continue their studies at the Technion.

Mayor Teddy Kollek last night addressed the delegates at a dinner at the Knesset.

Local man held for Old City arson

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An East Jerusalem man is being held for questioning in the attempted arson on Friday night at a synagogue in the Jewish Quarter of the Old city.

The attempt occured about 10:30, after the last worshippers had left the Habad Synagogue. Petrol was splashed on the synagogue door and set aflame. Damage was limited to the door itself. Policemen called to the scene by neighbours found a burnt plastic jerry-can.

Of the two East Jerusalemites arrested earlier for the arson at a Jewish book store a week ago, one is still being held.

Mosevics wants time on car expense tax

TEL AVIV. — The exemption of car allowances from taxes should be lifted gradually over a period of eight years and not three years as planned by the Treasury, Mark Mosevics, president of the Manufacturers Association, has said in a letter to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

Mr. Mosevics pointed out that taxing the car allowance (which is given to many workers as a hidden increase in salary) as normal income would lead to enormous increases in the wage bill of most companies.

If the employers have to make up the loss in take-home pay, they would pay about IL400 a month for each IL100 now paid as a car allowance, he said.

It will take many years until the proper adjustment in actual pay can be made, Mr. Mosevics said, and this must be done slowly so as not to inflict an intolerable financial burden on the firms.

Boiler makers lose tax appeal

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a District Court decision in which a company manufacturing hot water boilers was fined IL50,000 and its director fined IL15,000 and sentenced to three months imprisonment for tax evasion.

The company, Handasat Himum, had supplied heaters to the army, but the army's records diverged from their own. A claim that the false figures were unintentional was rejected by the court when it was shown that plumbing installations in the home of the director, M. Zivon, had been recorded as expenses. *(Itim)*

A PEDAGOGIC CENTRE, to serve teachers in Herzliya, Raanana, Ramat Hasharon and neighbouring townships, was opened yesterday in Herzliya by Mayor Yosef Nevo.

NY Catholic, Jewish leaders to press Syria on PoWs

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"We intend to express in a dramatic way the concern of our committee and we hope that the Syrian Government will not remain insensitive to world public opinion on the issue of Israeli prisoners in its hands," Father Joseph Konrad of the Catholic-Jewish Relations Committee of New York said on Friday.

Father Konrad and Rabbi Bruce Cole (Reform), representing the Brooklyn and Queens committee, were here on a three-day trip during which they visited some of the 396 Syrian war prisoners in Israel and also a group of relatives of Israeli prisoners held by Syria. The two clergymen had been refused permission for a similar visit to Syria, they said.

Father Konrad, 57, stressed that their mission was purely humanitarian and non-political. "Since public opinion is important for achieving desirable results on the political level, our mission may help prepare the ground for Dr. Kissinger's forthcoming visit to Syria," he added. Rabbi Cole, 35, said that he hoped the Syrian Government and people through reports in the international news media would realize that their treatment of Israeli PoWs was attracting world-wide concern.

Father Konrad reported that some of the Syrian prisoners asked him when they could go home. When he told them that that depended on their government, they made no response, he said. He added that the Syrians were getting letters from their families via the International Red Cross and that they appeared to be in good physical condition. Rabbi Cole said that "Israel is to be commended for permitting us to visit the camp."

The Catholic-Jewish Relations Committee was founded in 1966, following the lead of the Second Vatican Council the year before. Co-sponsored by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, it encompasses a community of about 1,500,000 Catholics and a similar number of Jews in the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. The Brooklyn Diocese is the largest single Catholic Diocese in the U.S.

The committee is composed of 12 clergymen and 12 lay members of each faith. Its work includes annual study days for rabbis and priests. "The next one, on the subject 'Jerusalem as the Holy City,' is why we are hurrying back on Sunday," Father Konrad said. (Both clergymen were on their first visit to Israel.) The committee has sponsored the formation of local neighbourhood councils, where members of the two faiths discuss issues such as abortion and state and federal aid to parochial education.

In a move related to that of the visiting Americans, the presidents and rectors of Hebrew, Tel Aviv, Ben Gurion, Haifa and Bar-Ilan Universities and the Technion and Weizmann Institute last week cabled Secretary of State Henry Kissinger asking him to use his good offices to get the list of Israeli prisoners of war in Syria and to secure Red Cross visits to them.

VISITORS' GALLERY: Alderman Arthur Grey

Newcastle Lord Mayor plans friendship league

Alderman Arthur Grey, C.B.E., is only the second man in the 750-year history of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to serve two successive terms as the city's Lord Mayor. His predecessor with this distinction occupied the position in the "capital of north-east England" and county town of Northumberland more than 300 years ago.

The Alderman, a bluff, friendly man looking much less than his 70 years, ends his second term in office at the end of March, but he has no intention to retiring from local politics for a while.

After relinquishing the Lord Mayoralty of Newcastle (a port city and shipbuilding centre, with a population of about 300,000), he will put some of the extra free time at his disposal to use on behalf of Israel. He plans to set up the Anglo-Israel Friendship League of Newcastle — some 20 UK cities already have such societies — and lecture on behalf of this country.

Mr. Grey, now ending a week's visit here with his wife Minnie, was impressed especially with Israel's "unique chance to create a completely new society, not inhibited by traditions or class structure," he said in an interview last week.

One would perhaps expect such sentiments to come from an English Labour or Liberal politician, rather than a Conservative like Arthur Grey. But the Alderman, who comes from "a lower middle-class" background, described himself as a "radical Disraelian Tory, with none of the old narrow party outlook of high church and high family."

The Lord Mayor, who has many friends among Newcastle's Jewish community, which numbers some 3,000, takes a special interest in city planning, and of Jerusalem's building programme he comments: "What you erect there will be for all time, so I pray the Council will resist the offers of get-rich-quick property speculators. As for those high-rise monstrosities going up in Jerusalem, you ought to get the IRA boys to blow them all up."

JACK LEON

P.P. Kahane dies; museum curator

Jerusalem Post Art Editor

Dr. Peter Penuel Kahane, the first Chief Curator of the Israel Museum and former Curator of the Bronfman Biblical Archeological wing, died in Basle on February 12, it was learned in Jerusalem.

Kahane was born in Berlin in 1904 and left Hitler's Germany to join a British archeological expedition in Athens, from where he immigrated to Eretz Yisrael in 1938. From 1940 until his death he served as a Curator of the Rockefeller Museum, with a break during the Jordanian occupation. After serving with the IDF during the War of Liberation, he helped found the Israel Department of Antiquities, organizing the "From the Land of the Bible" exhibition, the first Israel archeological show to go abroad.

Kahane was invited to the Research Institute at Princeton in 1961 and later planned and established the Haaretz Glass Musum at Ramat Aviv. He helped open the Israel Museum in 1965 and retired as Chief Curator in 1969.

Kahane was widely regarded as a pioneer in using museum to educate the young and as a thinker who brought new concepts to the use of archeological museums.

Treasury to buy back oil shares

The Finance Ministry announced that it is acceding to the public demand and will purchase the outstanding shares of the Nafta and Lapidot companies in public hands.

The Treasury has thus issued an order to purchase these shares until April 15, with payment to the shareholders to be made on April 26. Many individuals who hold such shares have made vociferous complaints to the Finance Ministry of low returns on their investments, as most of the earnings of the two firms were reinvested by the Government, which controlled the firms. The purchase price of the outstanding shares will be 50 per cent above the average market value during the past three monhs. The deal is expected to cost the Government between IL10m. and IL15m.

'Immigrant flat for Ministry clerk'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Housing Minister Ze'ev Sharef has asked the Civil Service Commissioner to investigate a report that a ministry clerk had been sold an apartment designated for new immigrants.

The report, published in "Ha'aretz" Friday, stated that a four-room apartment in the new East Jerusalem suburb of East Talpiot had been sold to ministry clerk Dov Lev. The newspaper said that Mr. Lev, who had originally been registered for a three-room flat under the Young Couples' scheme, was sold a flat which had been designated for immigrants.

Airport customs win a little privacy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Customs workers who wanted to work in the dark here got their wish; the airport director cut off their lights.

The workers, who claimed that members of the public awaiting passengers often threatened them as they checked for smuggled goods, has pasted sheets of paper over the glass doors leading to the outside. Airport Director Shlomo Kislev reacted to their private initiative by turning off the electricity in the customs hall.

The doors, installed during the expansion of the passenger hall, had been painted, but those outside could still look in even though those inside could not see out.

When the workers removed the paper some hours later, the airport director restored electricity and posted guards to keep order outside the hall. He also promised to add a few coats of paint to the doors.

B-G University named in Beersheba

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The University of the Negev was officially renamed the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in a ceremony at the university's fourth annual Board of Governors meeting here yesterday. President Ephraim Katzir was guest of honour.

The ceremony included Amos Ben-Gurion unveiling Moshe Safdie's design for the new Sde Boker campus. Dr. Alec Lerner, chairman of the Board of Governors, presided and read the proclamation renaming the university.

University president, Prof. Moshe Prywes, said the Sde Boker Desert Research Institute would be a self-contained centre, like the Weizmann Institute. The government was committed to giving IL20m. towards building of the Sde Boker campus, he said.

Transport Minister Shimon Peres who was to attend sent a telegram saying that he was prevented from coming, but that he expected "to have more free time to visit in the near future."

Allenby Bridge opens after repairs

Allenby Bridge, which has been closed for over a month because of flood damage, will be opened today. The reopening of the bridge was agreed upon by Israel customs and frontier police officials and their Jordanian counterparts.

The Public Works Department had to remove thousands of tons of mud which swept into border post offices in a torrent caused by melting snow in the mountains. It also erected a drainage system designed to prevent damage should the Jordan rise again. The Jordanians were engaged in similar repairs.

While the bridge was closed, all traffic was rerouted over the Adam (Damya) Bridge further north.

Panthers in Haifa complain of prices

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — About 50 persons, including children, took part yesterday afternoon in a Black Panther demonstration against high prices.

The demonstration, which had been sanctioned by the police, was held at the Beit Hakranot shopping centre in the centre of Hadar Hacarmel. It aroused little attention, partly because the rain forced the demonstrators to huddle under the shop awnings.

Disputed school opens for religious classes

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Over 400 parents and friends yesterday afternoon attended the official opening of a branch of the Evelina de Rothschild religious elementary school in the new Paula Ben-Gurion building at the corner of Herzog and Hemek Hamatzleva Streets in Jerusalem.

Last autumn, the school was the object of controversy between religious parents in the area who wanted the building for their children, and the municipality, which had earmarked the school for underprivileged youngsters from the Katamon and Nahlaot districts. A compromise, giving the religious parents one-third of the 18 classrooms, was reached after the parents had for several weeks taught their children in a tents put up in the school grounds.

Four classes, comprising two first grades and grades two and three, have been taught in the new building for two months, although the building is still without electricity or heating. The more than 100 pupils all come from the Kiryat Shaul and Rehov Tchernihovsky area. Dr. Eliezer Jaffe, one of the parents, stressed that they insist the municipal education department carry out its plan of integrating children from other neighbourhoods into the school next year.

The unoccupied two-thirds of the building are reserved for a State (non-religious) school to be opened later.

Pessah appeal in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Religious Council is launchng its annual *Maot Hittin* fund raising drive to provide needy families with *matza* and wine for the Pessah holiday. This year's goal is IL500,000, with which to help some 10,000 families.

Hundreds of volunteers are to go from door to door to collect contributions.

Chief Rabbi Yedidya Frenkel told the press yesterday that the drive is far more necessary this year than previously, as many families have been affected by the recent price rises. Many of the people who receive help from *Maot Hittin* are generally not clients of the Welfare offices.

A DRUSE religious court will be officially opened in Massada village in the Golan by the Religious Affairs Ministry this week.

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Liberals loom as decisive factor in British election

Tories seen like Golda's gov't

LONDON. — Britain edged uncertainly into the final phase of its most critical postwar election yesterday amid the hardening prospect that this week's national poll may result in a government without an overall parliamentary majority.

Support for the minority Liberal Party continued to grow dramatically, threatening the chances of Conservative Prime Minister Edward Heath and Labour opposition leader Harold Wilson being able to form an administration without their support.

With only four days left before the nation's 40 million eligible voters flock into the polling booths to choose 635 members of the House of Commons from more than 2,000 candidates, the Liberals received a further major boost when a television company opinion poll showed them making big gains in the past week against the two major parties.

The poll, broadcast by London weekend television, gave the Liberals — reduced to little more than a fringe group in Parliament for more than 40 years — 28 per cent of the total vote. This was only 3.5 per cent behind Labour and an 11 per cent gain in two weeks.

The Conservatives maintained the lead they have held since the election campaign began two weeks ago with 38.5 per cent — a seven per cent lead over Labour who were given only 31.5 per cent in the poll.

With a photo-finish on February 28 a distinct possibility, new uncertainty was injected into the situation on Saturday when Conservative rebel Enoch Powell called on Britons to vote Labour as the only way to end the "long epic of deception" over British membership of the European Economic Community.

Speaking at a "Get-Britain-out" rally at Birmingham in the industrial Midlands, Mr. Powell, who recently questioned Prime Minister Edward Heath's mental health, delivered another bitter personal attack on the Conservative Party leader.

Best-known for his opposition to coloured immigration, Mr. Powell has a strong personal following among right-wing Conservatives. But with no widespread feeling over European issues in the campaigning so far, there was some doubt about the impact his speech would have on the government in an election he has described as "essentially fraudulent."

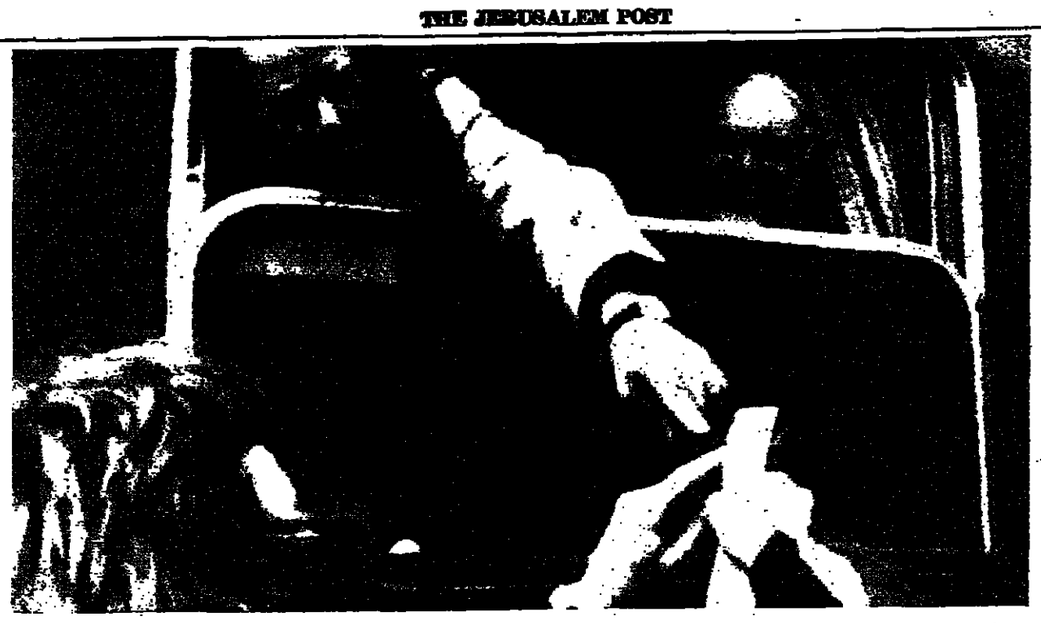
In an interview published yesterday, Mr. Heath said he believes his Conservative Party would not team up with the Liberals if it fails to poll a majority vote.

"Although the Liberals have quite a lot in common with us in political questions — for instance in the question of joining the Common Market and on the necessity of a form of price and wage policies — I do not believe they are suited as a (political) party to help form a strong government in Britain which the country needs now," he told the West-German "Welt Am Sonntag" newspaper.

Yesterday, the London "Sunday Telegraph" said editorially that both Britain and Israel now share "the need for a firm government to cope with a national crisis."

It pointed out that Golda Meir's government will be a weak minority one which would have to face important questions for a Middle East settlement. It warned, "There is a lesson in this for our own electorate on Thursday."

(Reuter, UPI, AP)



Alexander Solzhenitsyn is handed a copy of his book "The Gulag Archipelago" by a person at Oslo railway station just before the train left for Lillehammer. At right in window is Norwegian artist Victore Sparre. (AP radiophoto)

Solzhenitsyn undecided on residence

LILLEHAMMER. — Exile Soviet writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn yesterday travelled by car to the west Norwegian coastal town of Aandalsnes to see some of Norway's steepest and most rugged mountains and scenic fiords.

Solzhenitsyn's host, Per Egil Hegge, said the writer was to return to Oslo by night train yesterday. Solzhenitsyn has scheduled meetings with Foreign Ministry and Justice Ministry officials today before returning to friends in Switzerland.

"No decision about taking permanent residence in Norway has been taken," Hegge said.

Friends of the author said Solzhenitsyn would go back to Zurich to consult his Swiss lawyers on where to settle with his family.

Friends said the stiff Norwegian tax laws could be a stumbling block for Solzhenitsyn's permanent residence in Norway. According to the law, Solzhenitsyn would be severely taxed — up to 50 per cent — of the millions his books have earned him in the West. The money is now deposited with his lawyer, Fritz Heeb, in Zurich. *(AP, UPI)*

Rioting on Paris Left Bank

PARIS (Reuter). — Rioting broke out on Paris' Left Bank early yesterday for the second time in 24 hours and police said they feared a new wave of street violence.

The rioters attempted to throw barricades across some of the narrow streets in the heart of the Latin Quarter.

Police immediately intervened with volleys of tear-gas grenades and the rioters responded with petrol bombs which set ablaze a police van and a private car.

Seven policemen and an undetermined number of rioters were hurt and 82 people were detained overnight. Five of them were to be charged on a number of offences and the others were released.

"A certain atmosphere of tension had been building up in the area since the Friday night clash," one police officer said.

On Friday, long lines of well-organized extreme leftists wearing helmets charged police with iron staves under the cover of petrol bombs. Seventeen policemen were hurt and one was in critical condition yesterday with a perforated lung. The demonstration had been called to protest against the arrival here of a new ambassador from Chile's military government.

Police believe most of the youths involved in yesterday's fighting were teenagers from the outer suburbs who have recently taken to coming to Paris on Saturday night in search of excitement.

France reinforcing navy in Red Sea and Indian Ocean

PARIS (Reuter). — France is reinforcing its naval presence in the Red Sea and Indian Ocean as part of President Georges Pompidou's policy of wooing Arab oil producing states and protecting increased French interests in the area.

The French Navy has created a new naval command extending from Djibouti on the Red Sea to the Antarctic Kerguelen Islands and from the West African Coast to Sumatra and the Malaysian Archipelago, officials said.

France's suspicions of joint Soviet-American activity in the recent Middle East war has led the Pompidou government to speed up the strengthening of the French naval presence in the Indian Ocean.

Foreign Minister Michel Jobert has denounced what he described as the "condominium of the two superpowers" — the U.S. and the Soviet Union — for their handling of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

He said that France must now look after its own interests and make sure it is not dragged in to serve the purposes of either superpower which twice in the past decade have verged on the brink of a nuclear confrontation.

The French Government has since clinched spectacular long-term oil-for-arms and oil-for-trade deals running into multi-millions of dollars, with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iran and is anxious to safeguard its interests.

"Our main oil supplies come through the Indian Ocean and we hope through the Red Sea and the Suez Canal. If there is any threat to our communications, we must be able to meet it," a senior French officer said.

Like Britain, France must protect its sea lanes, he added. But unlike Britain, which shares its Indian Ocean Naval Base at Diego Garcia with the U.S., France prefers to go it alone.

The French Navy is keeping close watch on the movements of the 35-odd Soviet ships stuffed with electronic equipment that sail up and down the Indian Ocean.

"We are used to shadowing Soviet vessels," the officer said. "We do so in the Mediterranean and elsewhere."

The French have been buzzing and shadowing Soviet aircraft and submarines sneaking out of the Eastern and into the Western Mediterranean getting as close as Corsica.

'T-62s replace Syrian T-55s'

PARIS (UPI). — The Soviet Union has replaced Syria's war-depleted stable of 1,060 T-55 tanks with an equal number of newer T-62 tanks, the news magazine "L'Express" said in its issue dated February 25.

In addition, said the magazine, the Soviets "are installing just about everywhere (in Syria) Sam-3 and Sam-6 launching sites.

And they have even given the Syrian Air Force a few Mig-23s to allow them to respond in kind if Israel bombs Damascus again," it said in an article by its correspondent in Damascus.

'Kennedy's assassins oppose detente today'

MOSCOW (UPI). — The same extreme rightwing forces which plotted the assassination of President John F. Kennedy are today opposing international detente, a Soviet newspaper said yesterday.

"Komsomolskaya Pravda," the newspaper of the Young Communist League, made the comment in a review of an American film about the 1963 assassination, "Executive Action." It is not being shown here and was seen by a correspondent in London.

The newspaper used the occasion to renew the Soviet contention that the Warren Commission report on the shooting did not tell the full story. It suggested the facts are locked in the files of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

"It is generally known which forces wanted to get rid of Kennedy," "Komsomolskaya Pravda" said. "The extreme rightwing forces even today are crazily resisting the relaxation of international tensions."

It called Dallas, where the assassination occurred, "a malicious city of oil and aviation kings" who even today believe the U.N. to be a Communist-run organization.

The film is not a historical detective story, but "convincingly shows that the leaders of this malicious plot should be looked for among the industrial, reactionary bosses who were displeased with Kennedy's political course," the newspaper said.

The newspaper said it is no accident that some reviewers wrote that the film version appeared more authentic than the September 1964 Warren report.

According to the Soviet correspondent, the film contends that the assassination was carried out by a man posing as Lee Harvey Oswald and two accomplices. The accomplices escaped by posing as Secret Service agents, the review said.

The Soviet press in the past has never accepted that Oswald acted alone in the killing, as found by the Warren Commission.

Egypt to reopen gold mines

CAIRO (UPI). — Egypt has decided to reopen its gold mines in the eastern desert, after the recent rise in world gold prices, the newspaper "Akhbar el-Yom" said on Saturday.

The mines had been closed in the 1950s because of the high cost of production. A ton of dust from these mines yielded four grams of gold, although the world average is six grams per ton, the newspaper said.

But now that gold prices have been almost doubled since the 1950s, production will be resumed, the newspaper said.

Ransom of IL5m. for Venezuelan colonel, brother

CARACAS (Reuter). — A Venezuelan Army colonel and his brother were kidnapped yesterday by leftwing urban terrorists who demanded a five million bolivar (IL5m.) ransom for their safe release, police sources said.

Colonel Jesus Ranael Molipe, an Army doctor, and his brother Pedro Jose, were grabbed by a commando group of about 20 people from their family's country home near the town of Maturin, 500 kms. east of here, the sources said.

The terrorists wore olive-green military-type fatigues and have so far made a single telephone call to the brothers' relatives, stating their ransom demand, according to the sources.

17 held in raid on Buenos Aires newspaper office

BUENOS AIRES (Reuter). — Three journalists and about 12 other newspaper workers were held by Argentine Police yesterday after a raid on the City Centre editorial offices of the leftwing evening paper "El Mundo" (the world).

Two others detained were men who had stopped by to place classified advertisements in the paper and were trapped in the building when police surrounded it early Saturday morning, informed sources said.

Police went to the building after it was plastered with machine gun and rifle bullets by a group of gunmen belonging to a rightwing faction of the Peronist Youth Movement.

Nixon keeps ambassadors waiting

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Nixon has risked the ire of newly-arrived foreign ambassadors by keeping them waiting for weeks and even months before receiving their credentials.

No envoy from abroad can call himself an ambassador, or function as such in any formal sense, until he is received by Nixon for an exchange of diplomatic documents.

For whatever reason, Nixon during the past six months has not been granting early audiences to arriving ambassadors-designate. The slowdown coincided with a period in which the President was devoting much of his attention to Watergate problems.

Between last August 1 and February 1, Nixon scheduled only two ceremonies at which he received the credentials of 16 new ambassadors, eight on each occasion. The 16 waited in a diplomatic limbo for an average of 45 days before they could formally take charge of their embassies.

In the preceding six months, by contrast, five ceremonies were held at which Nixon accepted the credentials of 21 envoys. The 21 did not include Huang Chen, the Communist Chinese head of the liaison office here who was received by the President less than 24 hours after he arrived.

Street fighting in Frankfurt

FRANKFORT (AP). — Heavily reinforced police patrolled the streets of Frankfurt yesterday to protect the annual Fasching carnival parade from a recurrence of the street fighting which broke out on Saturday between police and 3,000 stone-throwing leftist demonstrators, after 80 squatters were chased out on Friday from houses they had occupied.

Police arrested a group of 36 leftists armed with sticks and other hitting instruments in downtown Frankfurt yesterday. They were all from the industrial Ruhr area 300 kms. north of here.

With hundreds of police on patrol in cars and convoys, and with 40 others standing by on reserve, there was calm yesterday, although a police spokesman said the leftists were milling about the streets in small groups.

Kuwait expected to release five terrorists to PLO

KUWAIT (Reuter). — The Palestine movement, which is to put on trial five terrorists who carried out a massacre at Rome Airport, is expected to take the men to Syria from Kuwait this week, it was learned yesterday.

Sheikh Saad al Abdulla, the defence and interior minister, told reporters: "The five Palestinian gunmen will be handed over to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) within two days, after the PLO concludes its contacts with the Syrian Government."

The terrorists have been detained in Kuwait since last December, after they fire-bombed an American airliner at Rome's Fiumicino Airport and eventually surrendered here from a hijacked West German plane, having killed a total of 32 people.

JAPAN MEDICAL GROUP TO LIBYA

TRIPOLI (Reuter). — A Japanese medical mission arrived here yesterday for talks on the prospects for cooperation with Libya in health fields, the Libyan News Agency "Arna" reported.

The agency noted that the three-man mission was the latest of several from Japan in recent months seeking closer relations in various fields with oil-producing Libya.

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Ethiopia cuts prices after violence

ADDIS ABABA (Reuter). — Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia yesterday announced measures to hold down the cost of living — the issue which sparked five days of violence here last week.

He said prices of petrol and other essential commodities would be reduced.

Referring to the disturbances, he said he had ordered strict measures taken against anyone guilty of violence or damage to property.

According to the first official figures, published yesterday, three persons were killed, 22 injured and nearly 1,000 arrested in the disturbances.

Those arrested included 558 people caught looting or damaging property and 350 of the city's 3,500 taxi drivers, whose strike over petrol price increases coincided with the outbreak of the disturbances.

Some 70 cars, including seven diplomatic cars, were damaged by stones and 38 houses broken into. Two trains were also attacked and damaged. Order was restored after troops moved in the patrol the streets and guard public transport.

India gives Sadat 'religious' greeting

NEW DELHI. — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt arrived yesterday to the first religiously oriented airport reception in the history of secular India.

After Sadat inspected an Indian military honour guard, he sat down with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and President V.V. Giri and listened as an Indian Maulana (or Moslem religious leader) recited verses from the Koran, Islam's holy book.

Then a leader of Jamiat-Ulema I-Hind, an Islam-based political party, welcomed Sadat in Arabic, the holy tongue of Islam.

"The Indian people and all the Moslems here are always with you," said the address, delivered by Maulana Asad Madani, a member of the Indian Parliament. "They have stood by the Arab cause during the recent conflict and gave unflinching support to the Arabs during the emergency."

Political observers speculated that the religious tenor of the reception was to convince Sadat of India's unity with Islamic countries, despite the secularism enshrined in the Indian Constitution.

Sadat came to India from Lahore where he attended a conference of Moslem heads of state and government.

"Many important decisions have been taken at the Lahore conference," Sadat told newsmen at the airport. "Some have been announced, others you will soon hear about. But the most important decision of the Lahore Islamic summit was certainly the recognition of Bangladesh."

India was not invited to the summit, a decision by the summit organizers that Mrs. Gandhi and Foreign Minister Swaran Singh both criticized publicly.

Campaigning for state elections in a heavily Moslem area last weekend, Mrs. Gandhi told a crowd that she should have been invited because "in a way we are a Moslem nation too."

Sadat and Mrs. Gandhi began meeting over an informal lunch immediately after his Egyptair Boeing 707 arrived two hours late. They planned at least two hours of discussions yesterday afternoon and Sadat planned to fly to Dacca this morning and return to Cairo tomorrow. *(AP, UPI)*

Test for Gandhi in state election

NEW DELHI (Reuter). — Voting began yesterday in an Indian state election which will be a crucial test of the popularity of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Nearly 27 million people were eligible to vote in yesterday's polling in Uttar Pradesh — home and power base of Mrs. Gandhi — to elect 230 members to the new State Assembly. Voting for another 195 seats will be held on Tuesday and the majority party will form a new state government.

Reports from the state said polling was poor, apparently reflecting the people's lack of interest in the election.

No sign of missing American balloonist in Spanish Sahara

EL AIUN, Spanish Sahara (AP). — Spanish Army helicopters and planes skimmed over the dunes of the Spanish Sahara yesterday searching for missing American balloonist Thomas Gatch.

No sign of Gatch or the pressurized gondola which took him over the Atlantic were reported.

Gatch dropped out of contact on Wednesday, two days after leaving Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to try to become the first person in history to cross the Atlantic in an unpowered balloon.

U.S. weather experts predicted his last known course would put him into the Spanish Sahara, or perhaps south of Morocco. But after two days of searching the 500 km. Moroccan-Spanish Sahara border, the Army reported no word of Gatch.

Helicopters swept around the coast to Mauritania and into the interior of the Spanish Sahara. All Army and police posts in the Spanish Province were alerted for Gatch.

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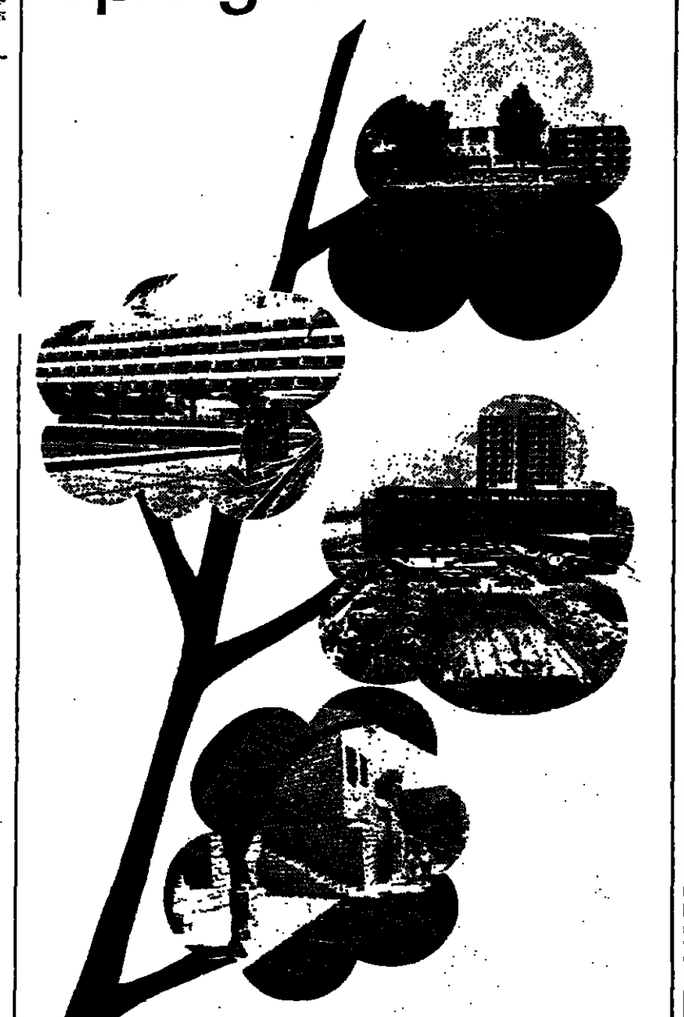

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William Williams, handcuffed, is led from Federal building in Atlanta after arraignment on charges in the kidnapping of newspaper editor Reg Murphy. (AP radiophoto)

Editor identifies abductor

ATLANTA, Georgia (AP). — "Atlanta Constitution" editor Reg Murphy positively identified his abductor as the husband of a couple arrested in the kidnapping. William August Haim Williams, 33, and his 26-year-old wife, Betty, were being held in the custody of Federal authorities in lieu of $1.5m. bond after being charged in the kidnapping.

Murphy, 40, was kidnapped by persons claiming to represent the previously unheard-of "American Revolutionary Army." He was lured from his home on Wednesday night and released unharmed on Friday night after a $700,000 ransom was paid by his newspaper.

Three suitcases bulging with money were recovered, but the FBI said it had not yet determined whether they contained the entire $700,000.

Murphy characterized Williams as a "sick man" who did not really understand the political ideas he spoke of. "He is not the sharpest of men, but he is very canny in some ways," Murphy added.

The couple was arrested on Saturday morning without resistance at their home in Lilburn, near Atlanta. The arrest came just hours after Murphy was freed.

As they entered the Federal courthouse for an arraignment on Saturday, Williams said to reporters, "My wife is innocent. The army has been defeated, it's dead."

Williams was charged with violating the Federal Hobbs Act, which forbids extorting money from a company engaged in interstate commerce. U.S. Magistrate J. Roger Thompson set bond at $1m.

Mrs. Williams was charged with knowing about the alleged crime and not reporting it. She was held on $500,000 bond.

Thompson set a preliminary hearing in the case for March 4. Officials would not say how many persons were still being sought, only that Williams allegedly was "aided and abetted by others unknown."

Williams, husky and darkhaired, and his petite wife were handcuffed when brought into the courtroom. Mrs. Williams had been crying. Under questioning, Williams, a self-employed contractor, said he had served 18 months in jail for a 1965 conviction of interstate transportation of stolen motor vehicles and had been placed on probation for one year in 1961 for forging a government cheque.

The couple, who have three young children, have lived in the Atlanta area since 1969, Williams said.

Ex-Senator Knowland reported as suicide

SOMONA, California (Reuter). — Former Senator William Knowland, editor and publisher of the "Oakland Tribune," was found dead yesterday of self-inflicted gunshot wounds, according to the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department.

Authorities said Knowland, 65, was found in his home here north of San Francisco.

Nicknamed in the early '50s "The Senator from Formosa" for his passionate support for Chinese Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek, Knowland was always a forthright and outspoken opponent of Communism, in Russia as well as the Far East.

Violent anti-U.S. speech by Castro

HAVANA (Reuter). — Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro, in one of his most violently anti-American speeches in months, said yesterday that the U.S. was still striving to crush the Cuban revolution. Castro was speaking at a mass meeting in honour of visiting East German leader Erich Honecker.

The tone of the speech was in sharp contrast to the moderation Castro displayed towards the U.S. in Havana during a visit here three weeks ago by Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev.

U.S. promises no change in aid to Latin America

MEXICO CITY (AP). — The U.S. has assured Latin American leaders that it will maintain its current foreign aid levels to countries in the Hemisphere and avoid new trade restrictions.

The assurances were included in a draft of a joint declaration issued yesterday in behalf of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and the 24 Latin American Foreign Ministers who attended the three-day conference here.

Kissinger returned to Washington on Saturday beofre the communique was completed.

"The final document is not that important," he said before his departure. "What is important is that we have talked and started something new that will continue."

In the communique, the U.S. pledged to maintain "at least the present levels" of foreign aid "with the objective of integral development of the (Western Hemispheric) region through concerted action."

The U.S. told the Latin Americans that it would "avoid to the maximum possible new restrictions on access to its markets, despite the serious economic uncertainty created by the energy situation" and other scarcities in raw materials.

And the Nixon Administration will "proceed urgently" to get general tariff preferences passed in the current session of Congress, the document said.

The communique did not mention U.S. relations with Cuba but appeared to make a veiled response to pressure from some Latin American countries for Washington to reconsider the economic blockade against the Communist nation.

The Latin American Ministers reaffirmed their solidarity with Panama's demand for sovereignty over the U.S.-controlled Canal Zone. They said they welcomed the agreement of principles, signed by Kissinger on February 7 in Panama, as a guide for negotiations for a new canal treaty.

Surprise bridge win for Israel

By GEORGE E. LEVINREW
Jerusalem Post Bridge Correspondent

Israel's national bridge stars won an astounding 85.5% victory in the three sessions team of four tournament which ended on Saturday evening at the International Bridge Congress. On the team were Shaufel-Frydrich and Hochzeit-Levit of Israel's national team, and Romik-Lev of the Junior team.

The 60 teams which filled the ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel in Tel Aviv played a "Swiss Movement" of three rounds of eight deals winners and losers playing losers each round. Scores for each round were converted to 20 Victory Points. The winning team had a phenomenal run of all 20 Victory Points in each of the first five rounds. They lost only one of the nine rounds played.

The other leaders were:

2. Sint-Rebattu, Almenkinders-Bisht of Holland with 75.5%.
3. Mr. and Mrs. Kunin, Mr. and Mrs. Collings, and Stampf-Schwartz of Kfar Shmaryahu, England, and Tel Aviv with 69.9%.
4. Katz-Dr. Josman, Meshulam-Aziel of Tel Aviv, Herzliya and Savyon with 68.8%.
5. Birman-Professor Reiter, Balalla-Gottlieb-Steinberger of Haifa with 66.6%.
6. Herzon-Herdon, Weiner-Shalit of France with 65.5%.

A surprise challenge was presented in the early rounds by the team of Mrs. Barnett of Herzliya-Ben Ze'ev of Jerusalem who had never before played together, and the experienced pair of Joffe-and partner from South Africa. They maintained second place until the last two sessions and ended in seventh place with an excellent 65% game.

There was high excitement to the very end. No team before the last round was assured of its final placing. Indeed teams finally rated fifth and sixth came from behind.

The Netherlands team in second place had started slowly, but were only in fourth place at the beginning of the last evening. This team, the guests of the Israel Bridge Federation, have played as a unit for a number of years, and have represented Holland in international competition. They are led by non-playing captain Harry Van der Helm who, with his wife, expressed great pleasure in the Congress, in visiting Israel, and in the social arrangements for touring the country.

Last night was the first of three sessions of the Open Pairs Tournament.

British seize IRA Belfast chief

BELFAST. — British security authorities triumphantly announced the arrest yesterday of the Belfast chief of the nationalist "Provisional" wing of the Irish Republican Army.

British Army spokesmen said the Provisional leadership has been so drained by its four-year battle that they doubted whether the guerrilla organization had anyone ready to replace Ivor Bell, a 37-year-old plasterer.

Bell took over as Belfast Provisional head last July when Gerry Adams was interned in the Long Kesh prison camp. Bell had long been Adams' deputy, an obscure man who shunned publicity like a plague.

An army spokesman said jubilantly: "This man led us a merry dance for some time and it is a tremendous coup for us. It is a shattering blow to the Provos and it will be interesting to see who they pick for their new boss. They probably will have to look to Dublin for their choice because no one in the north, at least as far as we can see, is suitable."

An army officer said Bell had hardly spent a night at home but saw his wife and three children at clandestine meetings from time to time. Troops searching for him had no picture because he had ordered his family to destroy all his photographs, the officer said.

So far, 958 persons have died in four years of strife between Protestants, Roman Catholics and British troops in the province.

An army bomb expert yesterday defused an 11 kilo bomb which a woman shop owner carried out of her shop in Castlewellan, 35 kms. south of Belfast, and threw over a wall. A spokesman said Betty Magill, a Protestant, found the bomb in a box in her shop and picked it up, tripping once as she fled with it. *(UPI, AP)*

Air fares up from April 1

MEXICO CITY (Reuter). — International air fares will be increased by seven per cent from April 1 and by a further five per cent from June 1, the International Air Transport Association announced here yesterday.

The decision was taken during the 12th annual meeting of the association, which groups 113 airlines from 80 countries.

Iata President Sir Geoffrey Robert told newsmen the fare increases were necessary because of fuel cost increases of between 200 and 400 per cent over recent months.

"If we did not authorise increases in international fares the economies of the airlines would break down," Sir Geoffrey said.

Fares have already risen once this year, by six per cent from January 1. The scheduled further increases mean that from June 1 air tickets will be costing 18 per cent more than at the end of last year.

Pompidou to visit Russia March 7-8

PARIS (Reuter). — French President Georges Pompidou will visit the Soviet Union on March 7-8, informed sources said here yesterday.

Pompidou's visit for talks with Soviet leaders was announced some time ago but the date was not released.

Shah asserts U.S. not short of oil

NEW YORK. — The Shah of Iran said in a television interview yesterday that U.S. oil imports have not declined this winter, and "you are not short of oil."

The Shah, at one point, said Americans "have imported more oil than any time in the past," but he amended the statement when asked if current exports exceeded the levels of last September. "I can't say for sure," he said. "But what is certain is that you are not importing less."

Asked if he were suggesting there was "some fraud involved" in the current petrol shortages, the Shah replied: "Well, something is going on for sure."

"You know that ships are changing their destinations two or three times in the oceans. You sell the oil for a certain destination and it ends up somewhere else," he said.

The Shah was interviewed last Monday in his palace in Teheran by Mike Wallace on CBS-TV's "60 Minutes" programme.

The Shah said oil companies were being enriched by the energy crisis and acknowledged there were higher profits for his own country.

"Yes, this is our wealth, our natural wealth," he said. "For them, it's only a question of manipulation."

Asked about future oil prices, the Shah said: "It's going to go certainly up, because unfortunately your inflation is going to go up."

He would not speculate on any specific increases, however, and gave no figures on current U.S. oil imports.

In Washington yesterday the U.S. Government authorised a rise in petrol prices in an effort to avert a strike by independent filling station owners. The rise of two cents to an average of 56 cents a gallon will take effect March 1.

It is intended to compensate the dealers for loss of income because they are currently receiving less than 85 per cent of the quantity of petrol delivered to them in the same month in 1972.

Meanwhile, President Nixon's chief economic adviser, Herbert Stein, said in an interview published in Paris yesterday that the impact of the energy crisis on the U.S. economy would be "hard and deep, but brief."

In an interview with the weekly news magazine "Le Point," Stein said he expected U.S. domestic production to pick up in the second part of 1974, and that production this year would be one per cent above last year's. *(AP, Reuter)*

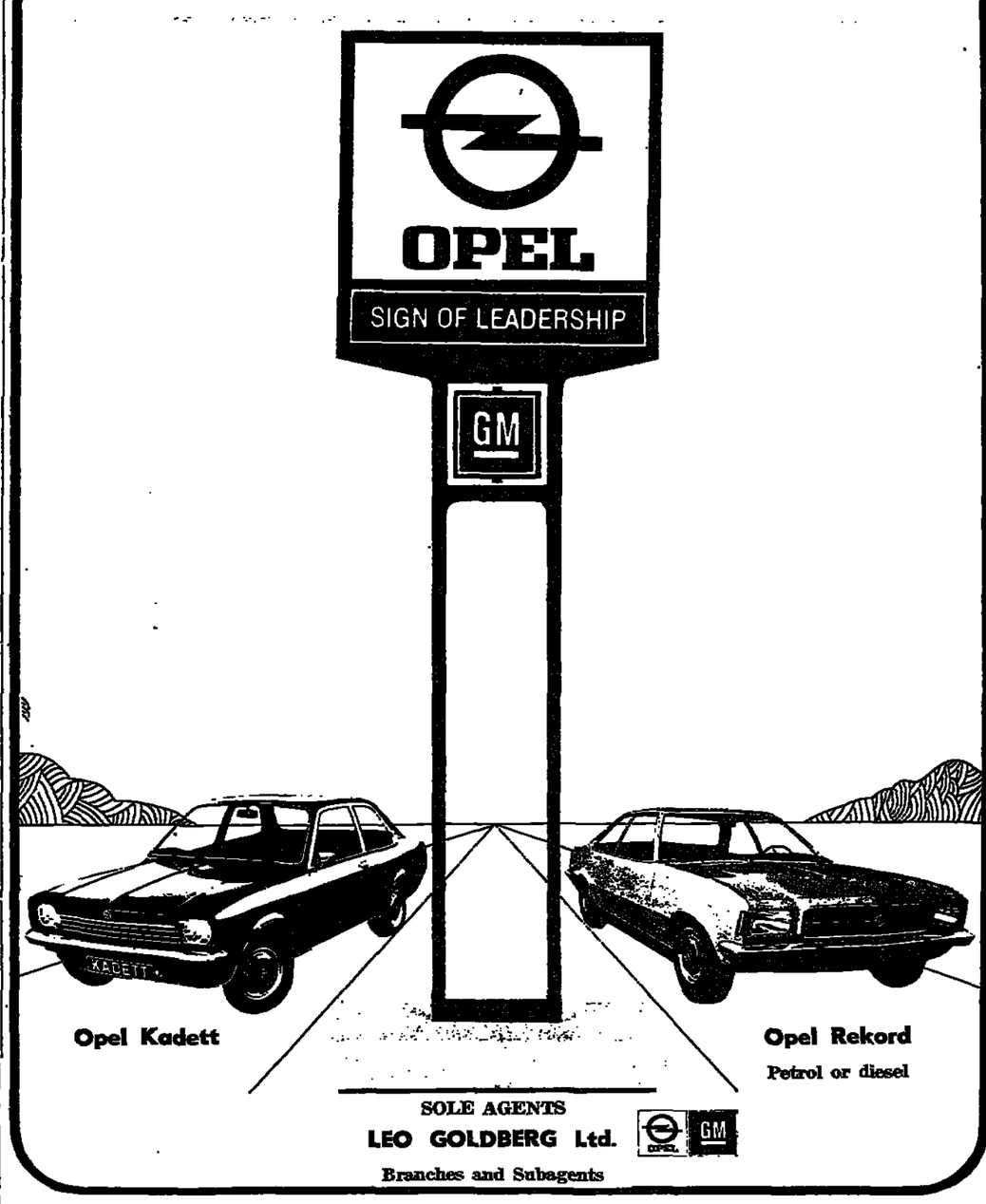
7 drug pedlars executed in Iran

TEHERAN (AP). — Seven drug pedlars were executed by firing squad on Saturday and yesterday, an official statement said here.

They had been tried by a military court.

According to a new law, anyone caught in Iran with 10 grams of heroin or one kilogram of opium faces the death penalty after a military trial.

VISIT. — Dr. Michael Ramsey, Anglican Primate of England, will make a 17-day tour of South America, the only continent the Archbishop of Canterbury has yet to visit. The tour will take place during September and October. He will visit Colombia, Chile, Argentina and Brazil.



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THE HAIFA DISTRICT COURT
Probate File 316/74

In the matter of: NAFTALI WALTER SCHWARZBART of Haifa who died in Haifa on December 19, 1973.

The Petitioner: SHLOMO MARKOWICH represented by Stanley Jackson, T. L. Friedman Co., Advocates of 24 Rehov Shmaryahu Levin, Haifa.

Let it be known: That an application has been filed in this Court for an Order confirming the Will of the abovenamed deceased and the appointment of the Petitioner as Administrator of his estate. Any person who claims to be entitled to any interest in the estate of the deceased and who wishes to oppose the making of the Order must within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice file an objection to the declarations sought, otherwise the Court will make such Order as it shall deem fit.

Y. EISMAN, Judge
Registrar

DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA
Legacies File 327/74

In the matter of the late MATWEI GUNSBOURG deceased on February 5, 1966 in France.

Petitioner: JACQUES GUNSBOURG.

Be it known that an application has been filed in this Court for an Order declaring the succession to the estate of the above named deceased.

Any person who claims an interest in the estate of the said deceased, and who wishes to object to the declaration as requested, should file an objection within 14 days of the date of this publication, otherwise the Court will make such order as it shall deem fit.

Y. EISMAN, Judge
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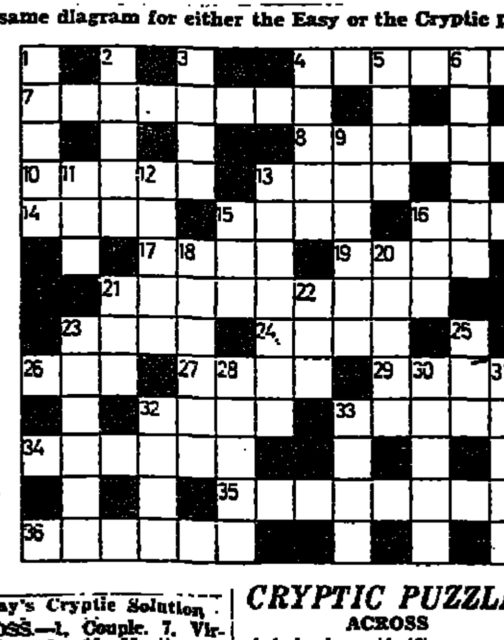
Use the same diagram for either the Easy or the Cryptic puzzle.



EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

4 Hurry (6)
7 Entire (8)
8 Modifies (6)
10 Mixture of metals (5)
13 Fall in drops (4)
14 Cooked dishes (4)
15 Sleeping places (4)
16 Curved line (3)
17 Cold sweets (4)
19 Tree (4)
21 Apposite (9)
23 Grow weary (4)
24 Actor's part (4)
26 Limb (3)
27 Declare positively (4)
29 Take part in harvest work (4)
32 Second-hand (4)
33 Motionless (5)
34 Correct (6)
35 Breaks into pieces (8)
36 Royal person (6)

DOWN

1 Shred (5)
2 Look happy (5)
3 Dramatic performance (4)
4 Perceived by ear (5)
5 Open-handed blow (4)
6 Whole (6)
9 Drive away (6)
11 Part of the mouth (3)
12 Type of willow (5)
13 Longed for (7)
15 Wager (3)
16 Insect (3)
18 Crumple (6)
20 Not moving (5)
21 Animal (3)
22 Negative word (3)
23 Great fear (6)
25 Chum (3)
28 Poetic composition (5)
30 Kind of duck (5)
31 Material (5)
32 Preposition (4)
33 Drunkards (4)

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

4 A back seat! (6)
7 Name a speaker in Devon (8)
8 They keep people very much apart (6)
10 A wine put to one side (5)
13 Little room, we hear, to do business (4)
14 For her, there's point in an article (4)
15 Where, in France, nothing is for the egghead (4)
16 Her stance has gone (3)
17 Manure dug cut of the way (4)
19 A German river? (4)
21 Girl men love distractedly in a cheap book (4, 5)
23 Stern office work (4)
24 He looks in two directions for the Queen (4)
26 What about Friday, old boy? (3)
27 Divorced person! (4)
29 Revolutionary cooker (4)
32 Ring changes with some show of pleasure (4)
33 Stuffy Russian? (5)
34 Line of succession (6)
35 Assume command of the ferry? (4, 4)
36 She's a saint to another girl (6)

DOWN

1 A bird seen in Egypt (5)
2 Theatre where nothing's done wrong? (5)
3 Price of Marco's travels (4)
4 Two? Goody! (5)
5 Contest concluded with dispatch? (4)
6 Capital letter on "Don" (6)
9 Cut, make a century and get out (6)
11 Seed of trouble? (3)
12 Airy entertainment (5)
13 Engages nominally? (5, 2)
15 Anybody single (3)
16 Officer of fifty? (3)
18 Good judge of game (6)
20 Some over-sentimental poetry (5)
21 Put on the river (3)
22 Finished refining ore (3)
23 Dad gets money from mum, for instance (6)
25 Animal with a slot in its back? (3)
28 The long view (5)
30 Turn out and demonstrate (5)
31 Name on a towel? (5)
32 Measure of fish? (4)
33 Walk up, pets (4)

Friday's Easy Solution

ACROSS.—1. Camera. 7. Contract. 8, Brat. 10, Stands. 11. Reward. 14, Red. 16, Panes. 17, Sled. 19. Caper. 21. Later. 22. Water. 23. Pays. 26. Organ. 28. Jar. 29. Taunts. 30. Return. 31. Item. 32. Expiring. 33. Settle.

DOWN.—1. Causes. 2. Earned. 3. Acts. 4. Sleeper. 5. Pagan. 6. Studs. 8. Bare. 9. Add. 12. War. 13. Ready. 15. Hates. 18. Libra. 19. Cat. 20. Pen. 21. Lantern. 22. Wan. 23. Patent. 24. Arum. 25. Single. 26. Otter. 27. Gulps. 28. Jet. 30. Rita.

Friday's Cryptic Solution

ACROSS.—1. Couple. 7. Virginia. 8. Tale. 10. Martin. 11. Rosary. 14. Eel. 16. Upper (crust). 17. Shed. 19. Bunny. 21. Timed. 22. Bob-by. 23. May-O. 26. Set up. 28. H-I-M. 29. Trance. 30. Godiva. 31. Adds. 32. Vi-l-lager. 33. Brewer.

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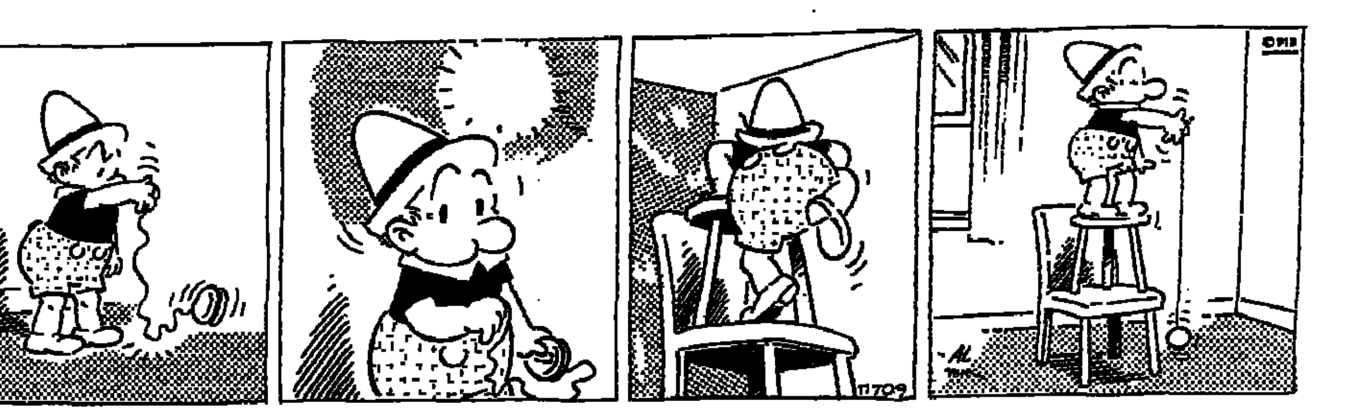

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THE HAIFA DISTRICT COURT
Probate file 315/74

In the matter of: JONATHAN BENJAMIN SLESS of Haifa who died in Haifa on December 15, 1973.

The petitioners: ILANA SLESS and YOEL SHAPIRA represented by Stanley Jackson, T. L. Friedman Co. Advocates of 24 Rehov Shmaryahu Levin, Haifa.

Let it be known: That an application has been filed in this Court for an Order confirming the Will of the abovenamed deceased and the appointment of PHILIP SAUL SLESS and YOEL SHAPIRA as Administrators of his estate. Any person who claims to be entitled to any interest in the estate of the deceased and who wishes to oppose the making of the Order must, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, file an objection to the declarations sought, otherwise the Court will give such Order as it shall deem fit.

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JERUSALEM
(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

ARNON — The Glass House; CHEN — Kill; EDEN — Gun Fight at OK Corral; EDISON — Zulum; HABIRAH — The Bigamist; JERUSALEM — Splendour in the Grass; ORGIL — Le Feux de la chandelier; ORION — Gordon's War; ORNA — The Last American Hero; RON — Gone with the Wind; SEMADAR — Everything you always wanted to know about sex but were afraid to ask.

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2nd Programme: News: Every hour on the hour except 7 and 8 p.m. and 4 a.m. Newsreels: 7.05 a.m. 1.05 p.m. and 11.05 p.m.

Galei Zahal: News: Every hour on the hour. Newsreels: 8.05 a.m. 12.05 and 5.05 p.m. and 12.05 a.m.

FIRST PROGRAMME
236, 322 and 221 M.

7.58 a.m. Opening 8.05 "Musical Delicacies" — Beethoven: Sonata No.7 in C-minor for Violin and Piano, opus 30 No.2 (David Oistrakh and Lev Oborin); Janacek: String Quartet No.2 (The Smetana Quartet). 9.05 "Light Classical Music" Curzon: Miniature Overture (Conductor: George Weldon); Kodaly: Marosszek Dances (Conductor: E. Ormandy); Grofe: "The Grand Canyon," Suite (Conductor: Leonard Bernstein). 9.55 English News. 10.05 Uzi Wiesel (Cello) (Second Broadcast) and Pnina Salzman (Piano) Brahms: Sonata in E-minor opus 38 Noam Sheriff "Vidny," for Cello Solo Debussy: Sonata for Cello and Piano 10.55 French News. 11.00 News in Easy Hebrew 11.05 Ivrit La'am 11.15 Programmes for Elementary School. 12.05 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Elementary schools. 12.35 "Midday Concert" Walton: "Facade," Suite. 1.05 "At midday." 1.25 "Midday concert" (cont.) A. Scarlatti: Sinfonia No.5 Praetorius: "Terpsichore" Dances; Vitali: Sinfonia for 2 Trumpets and 2 Oboes, with Orchestra. 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea" — "Bettering your Knowledge" 3.30 Literature-Questions and Answers. 3.50 Book Review. 4.05 "Soiree Musicale" conducted by Michael Taube (Two Years to his Death) Stutchewsky: Four Jewish Dances; Dvorak: Concerto for Cello and Orchestra (Soloist: Emmanuel Feuermann); Weber Overture "Oberon." 5.05 "Music in a Light vein" — The Waltz Kingdom. Waltzes by Planquette, Tchaikovsky, Rosas, Gounod, Waldteufel, Sibelius, Delibes, Offenbach and Johann Strauss. 6.05 "Eshnab" 6.50 French News. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 Bible Reading: Yirmiyahu, chaps. 47 and 48. 8.05 "Peter Grimes" (Stereo) Opera by Benjamin Britten; conducted by the Composer with Peter Pears (Tenor). Producer — Yehuda Cohen. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "Radiostory" 12.30 A Moment of Poetry 12.23 Close Down. 2.05-5.00 Songs and Tunes. 5.05-6.00 Same as second programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 236, 249, 355 and 346.5

5.05 Songs and Tunes. 5.55 a.m. Religious Service. 6.05 Exercises. 6.15 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew 7.05 This Morning 7.25 "Hebrew Songs." 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.35 Names and Events in the Headlines. 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "Smile" — Songs and sketches. 1.05 At Midday. 1.28 Hebrew songs. 2.05 This is Rivka Michaeli 3.05 Requests 3.53 Encore — ed. by S. Rosen. 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew 4.06 Hebrew Hit Parade 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz 4.35 Hit Parade (cont.) 6.45 Today's sport 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 "Once More" 10.05 "Till Midnight" with Eliyahu Slonim. 11.05 "Tonight". 11.25 "Till Midnight" (cont.). 1.05-3.00 Songs and tunes.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.

6.55 Opening 7.00 News 7.25 Song and Melody 8.00 News 8.05 Song and melody

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
457, 423, 236, 249, 355 and 346.5 M.

7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew, Ivrit La'am. 7.15 Georgian 7.30 Yiddish 8.00 Ladino 8.15 Mograbi 8.30 Rumanian 8.45 Russian 9.30 Close Down.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE

5.30 News. 5.32 "Pompon." 5.40 Documentary — "Whales, Dolphins and Men" (repeat). 6.00 Youth Magazine. 6.30 Mabat 9.00 "McCloud." 9.30 Documentary — "America." 10.40 Jazz. 11.00 News 11.05 Service Broadcast
Educational: 7.30 English 9. 8.15 English 6 9.05 Maths 6. 9.25 Electricity 8. 10.00 Biology 9. 10.20 English 5. 11.05 Advice and Guidance 7. 11.25 Maths 8. 12.00 Biology 10. 12.20 Science Physics 7. 12.40 Literature 2-5. 1.00 Biology 9. 1.20 Science 6. 1.40 Meeting with an Author 2.10 Electricity 10. 4.00 Story. 4.14 Film. 4.42 English. 5.00 Art.
Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.32 Sport. 7.16 Projector 7.27 Programme Review. 7.30 News.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 8.55 a.m. (1st programme);
1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
8.30-8.45 p.m. (4th programme);
10.00-10.45 p.m. (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves);
10.55 a.m. (1st programme);
2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
6.50 p.m. (1st programme);
8.45-9.00 (4th programme);
12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).
1st Programme — 322, 236, and 221 M.
4th Programme — 407, 445 and 292 M.
3rd Programme (short waves) — 16, 19, 25, 31, 33, 41 and 49 M.

GALEI ZAHAL

6.05 Early Morning Tunes — Greetings 6.55 To soldiers and their families. 7.05 Morning tunes (cont.) 7.55 Programme Trailer 8.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 8.20 Requests 10.35 "One Moment" — with Nathan Donewitz. 11.05 Warm and Tasty 11.35 Or Dvir's Corner 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.30 Warm and Tasty 1.30 Yoseph Lapid's Corner. 1.35 Warm and Tasty 1.55 Announcements 2.05 Light entertainment. 2.30 Quiz 2.57 Programme Trailer. 3.05 "3-4-5" — *with Shmuel Shai and Ehud Graf.* 5.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 5.46 Tunes for Everybody — greetings 6.05 "Personal File." 7.05 "Sour Sour" 8.05 Foreign Hit Parade. 10.05 "Tonight" — with Edna Shavit. 11.53 Midnight Talk. 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.30 "Night Birds" — with Uri Lotan and Pnina Bat-Zvi 3.05-6.00 "Tunes in the Night."

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The changing mood of American Writers of Jewish descent; the impact of Israel; Hugh Nissenson vs. Saul Bellow; Meyer Levin's contribution.

'Zim's ads on wages gave workers ideas'

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Zim was taken to task on Friday for publicizing the relatively high wages it pays its marine officers.

Addressing a luncheon meeting of the Jerusalem Management Club, Zvi Rechter, managing director of Solel Boneh, said, "I would have given Zim anything to keep quiet about their employees' net income. Shouting these figures in public gives other workers ideas, and this spreads like wildfire."

Mr. Rechter was referring to large advertisements Zim placed in all newspapers last week as part of its dispute with the Marine Officers Union over the latter's pay demands. (That dispute has since been settled.) In the ads, the following after-tax monthly pay was cited: second officers and equivalent rank — IL3,600; first officers — IL4,700; and captains — IL6,300.

The Solel Boneh executive also proposed a 60-day deadline for conclusion of negotiations on annual work contracts. He said, "Contract talks should begin on January 1 with the understanding that any or all points not agreed upon by March 1 would automatically go to binding arbitration."

According to Mr. Rechter, this would not only prevent dragging out labour talks *ad infinitum*, but would also benefit the public. In the building industry, he explained, drawn out contract negotiations frequently lead to retroactive pay settlements. As a result, the contractor cannot know his costs beforehand. This causes confusion for the flat or business premises purchaser who only learns the final price when he is about to move in.

Turning to manpower problems, Mr. Rechter decried the industry's reliance on Arab labour. He said the looming problem of unemployment for academically-trained Russian immigrants could be partially solved by re-training them to do manual labour in the construction industry, such as mixing cement, hewing stone and digging foundations for buildings.

Business and Finance

Clal complexes rising in Tel Aviv and J'lem

TEL AVIV. — Two of the country's largest combined commercial and residential centres are now rising in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, in an overall $100 million building programme being conducted this year by the Clal Investment Corporation.

After the setbacks resulting from the Yom Kippur War, building has been resumed on Clal Centre, a complex of offices, stores, entertainment facilities and condominium apartments in Jerusalem which will cost $35 million to develop, according to Mr. Yehuda Tamir, director of the Clal Real Estate and Building Division. This comprehensive in-city Centre will contain over 130,000 sq. metres of store space, 1,100 office units, 200 flats and an underground parking garage for 800 cars.

Built on the site of the old Alliance Israelite School on Jaffa Road, the developers state that the complex will serve as a self-contained unit on a massive raised platform, already completed, which will not detract from the special aesthetic character of Jerusalem. The architects are D. Eytan, Ltd.

The first stage of the project is scheduled for completion at the end of 1976, with stores and flats now being sold on a condominium basis.

Clal's second large-scale project is now being completed in Tel Aviv. This is a varied complex of tourist services. Scheduled for opening at the end of 1974, Kikar Clal — as it will be called — has 80,000 sq. metres of commercial space for stores offering tourist services, cinema, restaurants, cafes and beachfront facilities, as well as the 184-room Marina Hotel.

Built on several ramps stretching as a unit along the Tel Aviv beachfront, the $16 million centre will provide underground parking for 300 vehicles and will adjoin bathing beaches, boat anchorages, gardens and public squares. The central seven-storey building is designed to be a focal point of day and evening tourist activities in Tel Aviv. The architectural-engineering firm of Rechter, Zarie & Perry heads the Clal planning team for the project.

Sales to overseas buyers in Clal developments are conducted by ISRALOM, Israel Homes & Real Estate Corp. Ltd., which maintains offices overseas and in Israel.

Other Tel Aviv projects launched recently by Clal include the 17-storey Gibor Building in the Manshieh quarter; "Migdal Hakikar," with a four level parking garage and 65,000 sq. metres of office space in the Dizengoff Circle area, and the 200-room Daniel Tower Apartment Hotel at Herzlia (with a new wing to double its capacity now under construction).

Through its residential development subsidiary, Azorim, Clal is engaged in a variety of housing projects including 4,350 apartments now under construction. More than half of these are being built for the Ministry of Housing for immigrants and slum-clearance, while 1,400 of the flats are designed for young couples. An additional 550 apartments are being developed in luxury buildings for the private condominium market.

In all instances, Clal, and its Azorim subsidiary, develop entire building projects from the land acquisition and planning stage through the transfer to private owners or public housing bodies of the completed buildings.

Other new projects in which the Clal building group is participating include: Ramat Poleg, an integrated villa and apartment beachfront community near Netanya; the King David Towers in Tel Aviv; and an urban renewal project planned for the redevelopment of Tel Aviv's Carmel Market, in cooperation with the Municipality.

Haifa Port passenger terminal plans clipped

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Port Management has decided on drastic cuts in the plans for the passenger terminal begun shortly before the war after a 25-year delay. Port spokesman Yair Bar-Mashiah told *The Post* that in view of the "changed priorities" since the war, the investment in the terminal is to be reduced from IL15m. to only IL5m.

As a result the terminal, which is being built on top of an existing warehouse, will be cut down in size, but in such a way as to make future expansion easy if it proves necessary. A planned air conditioning system will not be installed — a saving of IL2m.

He noted that the trend is now unmistakably away from regular passengers to cruise ship visitors, who do not need the terminal at all. They go straight to waiting buses, and carryonly overnight luggage, which does not necessitate customs inspection.

The spokesman noted that of the 170,000 passengers who passed through the port during 1973, only 63,000 were regular passengers who needed the services of a terminal. As Israel's own passenger fleet has been abolished, their number is likely to be even lower in future, he noted.

Tour agency optimistic about 1974

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — At least one Israeli tourist enterprise is not worried about the industry's immediate prospects. Kopel Tours, among the country's largest travel agencies and tour operators, concedes that 1974 will be a difficult year, but its president, Kopel Rosenberg, promised the company's annual conference held last week that not a single one of its 250 employees will be laid off.

More than that, he expected that the Kopel concern, which includes car rental and congress organizing departments, will be obliged to take on more personnel.

Mr. Rosenberg told the conference, which marked the 35th anniversary of the company's foundation, that despite the October War, Kopel Tours finished 1973 with a performance that equalled the previous years. This was only partly due to the fact that hostilities broke out after the tourist season had already passed its peak. In fact, the company had to accept cancellations in the last three months of the year totalling $1.6m. worth of business, and had to refund $250,000 of advance payments. However, the first nine months of the year, during which the company opened branches in New York, Sydney and Johannesburg, had pointed to a record year.

Hanoch Givton, director-general of the Tourism Ministry, told the Kopel conference that tourism to Israel is increasing despite predictions that it would fall off as a result of the Yom Kippur War.

Superb pianist Alfred Brendel

Music Reviews

THE I.P.O.'s 7th subscription concert series in Tel Aviv was divided among three different conductors, two of the series being conducted by Lukas Foss.

Foss opened the concert (Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium, Feb. 18), with Beethoven's tragic "Coriolan," giving it a well formed and thoughtfully developed performance. This was followed by Mozart's joyful C Major piano concerto (K. 503). Pianist Alfred Brendel possesses a style all his own. Each of his phrases has instrinsic beauty, unique meaningfulness, and perfect shape. His lovely tone, incredibly subtle rubati and discreet fluctuations of tempi are all perfectly integrated and provide an enriching and sensuous experience.

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BY including in his all-Beethoven recital (Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium, Feb. 19) both the op. 110 and op. 111 sonatas, Alfred Brendel created a challenge which seemed beyond the reach of even a great artist. To these two monumental works he added the op. 90 sonata and the Bagatelles op. 126. No doubt, a stupendous programme and an undertaking for only the chosen few. However, when Brendel played his last silvery figures in the concluding bars of the op. 111, there could not be any doubt: Brendel is one of the chosen few.

With the first phrase of the Bagatelles he was immersed in the thought and feeling from which Beethoven rose in all his greatness. The Bagatelles were a prelude to the magnificence of op. 110, in which Brendel reached unprecedented heights of beauty and nobility of expression. After this first peak the op. 90 seemed a somewhat lighter interlude, a sort of rest, in anticipation of the final grand effort, the op. 111. I really cannot recollect a performance which was anything like what Brendel gave us. In this sonata Beethoven went beyond the piano as a means, melody as expression and form as a frame, reaching for the totally spiritual and transcendental. While listening to Brendel's interpretation one suddenly had no doubts whatsoever as to what Beethoven's aims must have been, in this, his last piano sonata. How exactly Brendel accomplished his outstanding performance, I cannot tell. No technical definitions could give any meaningful explanation to what he achieved. It was probably one of these really rare moments, in which an artist sees beyond his instrument, beyond his technique, beyond the material value of sound.

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1963 " P.	5,500	4	810
5 Pounds — Independence Day Coins			
1958 Menorah	98,051	10	70
1958 " P.	2,000	18	—
1959 Exiles	27,249	10	140
1959 " P.	4,792	18	850
1960 Herzl	34,472	10	140
1960 " P.	4,923	20	750
1961 Bar-Mitzvah	19,561	10	560
1961 " P.	4,561	20	900
1962 Negev	10,450	10	650
1962 " P.	5,050	20	320
1963 Seafaring	5,990	10	2000
1963 " P.	4,500	20	2300
1964 Museum	11,100	10	600
1964 " P.	4,500	20	800
1965 Knesset	25,252	10	240
1965 " P.	7,660	20	370
1966 Life	32,503	13.50	150
1966 " P.	10,500	25	260
1967 Eilat	30,250	13.50	190
1967 " P.	7,755	25	350
10 Pounds — Special Issue			
1967 Victory	234,589	12.50	30
1967 " P.	50,499	30	140
1971 Freedom	75,000	30	60
1971 " P.	20,000	60	190

P = Proof
SF = San Francisco Mint
J = Jerusalem Mint
U = Utrecht Mint

$1 = IL4.20

Year & Name	Quantity	Issue Price IL	Market Price IL
10 Pounds — Independence Day Coins			
1968 Jerusalem	50,000	22.50	100
1968 " P	20,501	42.50	220
1969 Shalom (S.F.)	40,000	25	100
1969 " P.	20,000	50	180
1969 " (K)	20,000	25	160
1970 Mikveh	47,500	25	100
1970 " P.	22,500	50	160
1971 Science (U.)	20,000	25	160
1971 " P.	17,500	50	225
1971 " (J.)	22,500	25	200
1972 Aviation	50,000	30	170
1972 " P.	15,000	60	250
1973 Declaration	125,000	40	60
1973 " P.	41,500	80	170
10 Pounds — Pidyon HaBen			
1970 P-H	50,833	25	90
1970 " P.	15,000	50	180
1971 "	30,201	25	180
1971 " P.	15,000	50	230
1972 " (star)	30,000	30	80
1972 " (no star)	15,000	30	175
1972 " P.	12,500	60	90
1973 "	105,000	30	40
1973 " P.	15,000	60	170
1974 "	—	40	40
1974 " P.	45,000	80	100
5 Pounds — Hanukka Coins			
1972 Russian Lamp	75,000	20	70
1972 " P.	22,500	40	160
1973 Babylonian Lamp	95,000	20	40
1973 Babylonian Lamp P.	45,000	40	80
Gold Coins			
1960 Herzl (30)	10,510	50	3500
1963 Weizmann (50) P.	6,202	150	
1962 Weizmann (100) P.	6,303	300	4000
1964 Bank (50)	6,014	150	3900
1964 " (50) P.	1,502	250	20000
1967 Victory (100) P.	9,004	300	4900
1968 Jerusalem (100) P.	12,500	350	2800
1969 Shalom (100) P.	12,500	420	2800
1971 Freedom (100) P.	10,000	430	2800
1973 Declaration (50) P.	12,500	230	600
1973 " (100) P.	10,000	455	1200
1973 " (50-100-200)	18,750	1,617	4800
(in sets of three only)			

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On the local coin market there is a great demand for all silver coins, especially now that silver has doubled its price. Consequently the commemorative coins contain more silver than their actual face value. Gold coins are, as usual, a "best-seller."

The Bank of Israel has decided that the denomination of the silver Ben-Gurion commemorative coin, to be issued next October in Brilliant Uncirculated and Proof condition will be IL25 — the largest denomination in silver ever issued by the bank. Prices and quantities have not yet been determined by the board of directors of the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation but are expected to be published within a few weeks.

The biggest surprise of this week was the newly issued four-colour catalogue of the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation published in four languages, Hebrew, English, German and Italian. It covers 15 years of Israel's numismatic activities. The catalogue lists all of the country's commemorative coins, whether in silver or gold, all state medals, and all specially-commissioned medals.

How these catalogues will be distributed — whether they are to be sold to the collectors or given to them gratis — has not yet been decided.

The Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation not only sells coins and medals throughout the Western world, but apparently is also actively engaged in promoting tourism to Israel.

A group of 60 coin collectors from the U.S. is expected in Israel on March 5 for its annual 14-day study trip under the auspices of the corporation and in cooperation with the American Israel Numismatic Association. The tour will again be conducted by Morris Bram, president of AINA.

BELLE VISITS AGAIN AFTER 42 YEARS

BELLE Didjah gave her first solo dance recital in this country in 1932 and her performance received a favourably review in the then *Palestine Post*.

Here again, on a different mission, after a lapse of 42 years, Belle reminisces about that tour. She had been dancing with the Metropolitan Opera Company when urged by a relative in Tel Aviv to come and dance in Palestine because "among the Jews here, culture is more important than bread."

Her tour began at the old Mograbi Theatre to a full house and under normal theatrical conditions. "But on the road, things were very different. In Petah Tikva, pigeons flew out of the piano. At Ein Harod, the dining-room tables were lashed together to provide a stage.

"A Beduin sheikh from Transjordan saw a poster and requested

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a private performance for his family to which my manager agreed. I danced on carpets arranged on the sand and my usual accompanist sang and hummed the music." This command performance under a desert moon was followed by an enormous feast, and presentation of gifts — silver filigree earrings, a coin and bell necklace, many embroidered garments and robes. These gifts were later incorporated as costumes into a new repertoire, inspired by her Palestine experience. Dances reflecting kibbutz life, Zionist aspirations, Yemenite and Beduin life, "remained as themes through the years although the forms were always changing."

Belle went on to perform and study in Europe, America and South America. Among her teachers were Michael Fokine, Mary Wigman, and Labon, the creator of dance script for written choreography.

In private life she was Mrs. Haim

Belle Didjah

Erenreich, wife of the editor and drama critic of the "Jewish Daily Forward" until his death in 1970. The two dynamic careers "flourished within a marriage relationship where both of us had full freedom to pursue our individual drives, endured separations when necessary, or made adjustments to be together at other times. We didn't know anything about Women's Lib as a philosophy, we just lived it, because we loved and respected each other's talents."

Despite close ties with Israelis and Jewish life in the United States Belle can't account for the fact that they never returned here together again. She shrugs expressively. "There was always some place elsewhere my dancing, his lectures, or other responsibilities took us."

The sense of mission which brings her back today concerns her husband's mass of unpublished Yiddish writings. The manuscripts were turned over to Arie Shamri of Kibbutz Ein Shemer, the Israeli poet, to sift, organize and edit. A committee of friends, among them Jan Peerce, Sol Hurok, Isaac Bashevis Singer and David Dubinsky, was formed to sponsor publication.

Mr. Norman Furman, of Ashkelon, a recent immigrant and a Yiddish writer of note, is the Israeli coordinator of the project. The Yiddish edition is being published in March by the Alzi Company.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Index-linked bonds down

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Index-linked bonds fell slightly yesterday on the stock market, but although the trend was downwards, those which fell heavily on Thursday began to recover and creep upwards.

Financial circles believe that within a short period a state of equilibrium will be reached in index-linked bonds, and there will be no more "violent" fluctuations. The turnover was IL15,521,900.

Stocks were dull. The turnover was IL1,749,500, of this, IL124,300 was in the variables.

Bank Leumi remained at 251 despite a turnover of 52,000; IDB lost one to 160 (37,000); Electricity rose by one to 51.5 (45,000); and Hadera gained seven to 284 (25,000).

The Natad dollar rose by two points to stand at IL5.04. The turnover was $63,000, and the demand was $113,000.

The general index fell by 0.17 per cent yesterday to stand at 240.68.

		24.2	21.2
DEBENTURES			
LINKED TO THE DOLLAR			
5% Dead Sea Junior	r	251.2	249
6% Electric Corp. A	r	183.7	183.7
6% Electric Corp. B.	r	153.5	153.7
LINKED to the C.o.L. INDEX (Principal & Interest)			
Kiita 1965, Index 110%	b	298	301
Bitahon 1968, Series 41	b	121	156.5
Bitahon 1969, Series 41	b	240	242.9
COMMERCIAL BANKS & BANKHOLDING COMPANIES			
Otsar Hityashvut	r	215	221
I.D.B. pref.	r	195	195
I.D.B. Bankholding	r	160	161
Union Bank	r	277	277
Israel British Bank	b	289	287
Discount Bank "A"	r	450	455
United Mizrahi Bank	b	154	158
Bank Hapoalim—10%	b	320	320
Bank Leumi—"A"	r	251	251
MORTGAGE BANKS			
Gen. Mortgage Bank	b	213	214
Carmel Mortg. & Inv.	b	123.5	129.5
Bank Binyan	b	218	220
Dev. & Mortg. Bank	b	218	220
Housing Mortg. Bank	b	175	176
Tefahot 8%	b	216	216.5
Tefahot	b	309	309.5
SPECIALIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS			
Ind. & Dev. Bank 8%	r	72.5	72.5
Hasneh Insurance	b	198	198
Sahar—"C"	b	246.5	246.5
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
Motor House	b	70	69.5
Delek C.	r	140	140
Cold Storage—IL10	r	174.5	172.5
Israel Electric Corp.	r	51.5	50.5
Lightarage & Supply	r	158	153
LAND, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND CITRUS			
Azorim	r	179	179
Africa Isr IL10	r	257	258
Isr. Land Dev.	b	150.5	152.5
Solel Boneh—10%	b	129	129
Property & Build.	r	173	181
Isras	b	136	137
Mehadrin	r	199	196.5
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	b	81.5	80.5
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	155.5	156
Neot Aviv	r	68	67
Pri Or Ltd.	r	165	165
Rassco—5%	r	77.5	77.5
Rassco—O.	r	62	61
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	475	475
Elco—2.5	b	94.5	94
Electra—5	r	180.5	179
"Argaman"—8%	b	296	296
"Ata"—C	r	106	107
Dubek	b	358.5	851.5
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	173	175
Teva	b	890	890
Chem. & Phosphates	r	57.5	58
Lewin Epstein	b	64	63.5
Moller Textile	r	160	163
Phoenicia—8%	b	89	90.5
Paper Mills	r	284	277
Assis "B"	r	205	203
Nechushtan	b	257.5	257.5
Shemen—8%	b	123.5	124
"Taal" Plywood	b	210	210.5
Elite (A)		280.5	280
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	83	81
Ellern	b	158.5	151.5
Israel Central Trade	r	202.5	211.5
Bank Hapoalim	b	237	237
Paz	b	93	95
Wolfson IL10	b	89.5	87
Ampa	r	108	108.5
Discount Bank	b	185.5	186.5
United Mizrahi	b	98	97
Bank Leumi	r	179.5	180
Piryon Investment	r	88.5	88.5
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	82.5	80.5
Export Bank	b	58.5	58
Clal Investment	r	178	180.5
Clal Industries	r	171	172
FUEL & OIL			
Naphta OTC	r	68	67.5
Lapidoth OTC	r	124	123

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Demand slight as gold jumps

TEL AVIV. — The price of a kilo of gold jumped by IL1,300 over the weekend in Lilienblum to stand at IL26,300 — the highest figure ever reached in Israel. However, sales were few.

Sales in silver were more frequent, and the price rose by IL5 a kilo to stand at IL1,080, also a new record.

Although the price of the dollar fell by ten agorot to IL5.15 (and dollar cheques fell by ten agorot to IL4.70), the prices of most European currencies rose. The DM gained eight agorot to IL1.88; the Swiss franc rose by five agorot to IL1.60; the French franc by seven to IL1.02.

The pound sterling remained at IL11.30, and a fairly newcomer to the market, the Italian lira, cost IL6 for one thousand Italian lira.

Anglo-Israel Bank now Bank Leumi U.K.

TEL AVIV. — The name of the Anglo-Israel Bank in London has been formally changed to the Bank Leumi (U.K.) in order to stress its close affiliation to Bank Leumi, it was announced yesterday.

The bank is also moving its headquarters to the East End, and its former headquarters founded in the "city" in 1902 will become a branch.

The bank's balance sheet grew by 71 per cent in 1973, from £54.8m. in 1972, to £93.9m. in 1973.

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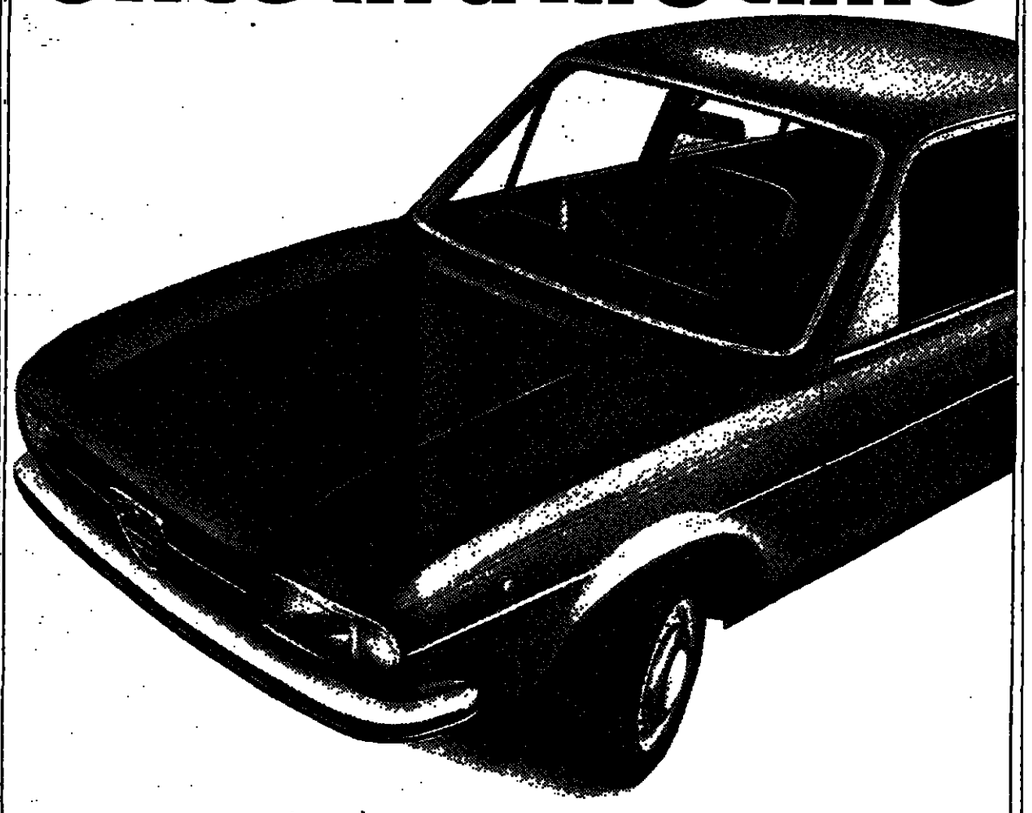

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ISLAMIC SUMMIT

WITH their pride in Arab military and political achievement and the sense of a new and awesome weapon in their hands—oil—37 Moslem nations met in Lahore over the weekend in their second summit conference. Predictably, the resolutions they adopted were aimed at satisfying the most militant of the Arab nations as well as those Moslem states remote from the present Middle East crisis.

Those in Israel and abroad who hoped the October war might have instilled a new sense of realism in the leadership of certain Arab countries, will be disappointed at the results of the Lahore assembly. None of its main resolutions can be accepted by Israel even as a basis for discussion. They call for immediate Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied areas, the return of Jerusalem to Arab sovereignty, and recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole representative of the Palestinian people, a decision Jordan was forced to adhere to.

Behind the facade of unity, old differences were still tearing at the Arab world: with the monarchies wishing to protect their regimes against the threat of militant socialist revolutionaries, the radicals seeking the destruction of the monarchies, and the poor Moslem nations wanting to share the wealth of the rich ones. All seek to "liberate" Palestine. Some believe this can be done gradually without a major war; others call for a Holy War. Some feel the United States has moved to the side of the Arabs, while others still prefer to trust the Soviets.

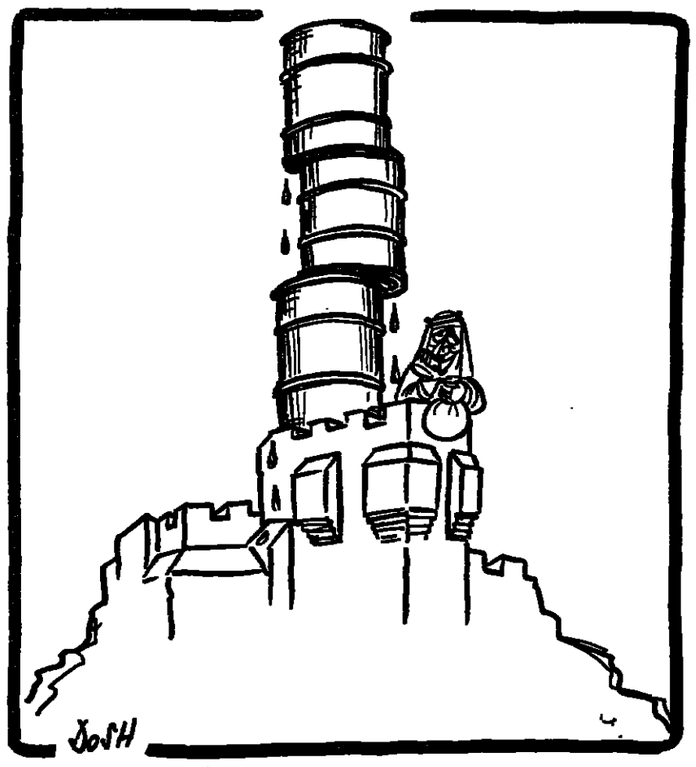
But the extremists were able to carry the day. It is always easier to pass tough resolutions than mild ones. The 1967 Khartoum Resolution which spelled out the three Arab no's — no peace, no recognition, and no negotiations with Israel — found favour among all those present. What was called for this time was statesmanship of the highest order, and this no major Arab leader could provide. On the contrary, it was the more flamboyant and less stable leaders — Gaddafi and Amin — who won the applause.

At a time when some Israeli leaders have voiced the hope that Egypt at least is showing signs of moderation and a reordering of its national priorities to place greater emphasis on solving internal problems, the Lahore conference failed to reflect all this change. At a time when Israel is facing crucial negotiations with Syria on the question of separation of forces, on which hinges the future prospects of the Geneva Conference, the Syrian President found it opportune to tell Israel and the world that prisoners would be exchanged only after the chances for renewed fighting disappear. Presumably he means he will determine the date.

The resolution on Jerusalem did not state whether the Moslem leaders sought to restore all of Jerusalem to Arab rule or will be satisfied with only East Jerusalem. But they have laid down a pre-condition for any negotiations between Israel and Jordan that would curb any Arab nation that might want eventually to negotiate with Israel. Perhaps this was the main purpose.

The Lahore Summit will not go down in history as a constructive conference. On the contrary, it has stiffened the positions of a number of Arab leaders and has set certain conditions that Israel can never accept. By doing so, the Arabs, feeling that they are still riding on a high crest, have committed a serious error. They have foreclosed various options for a settlement with Israel and will make the search for peace in the Middle East far more complicated.

Jerusalem — from the Lahore summit



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Alignment quarrels

Ha'aretz (non-party) deplores the internal quarrels among Alignment factions and expresses doubts at the desirability of a hegemony of either the right-wing opposition or the left-oriented elements of the Labour Party. The paper concludes that "the electorate refrained from expressing preference for either of those two groups, and it knew what it was doing. While it has not been divinely ordained that the Alignment be a central factor in our political life, its disappearance, or its neutralization as a result of unending bickering, would not strengthen the State."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) expresses full support for the points made by Prime Minister Golda Meir and by Ya'akov Hazan at the recent debate of the Alignment and Mapam leaderships, namely, "opposition to a national emergency government, and rejection of elections on a personal-regional basis," respectively. The paper continues: "Instead of exacerbating doubts and lack of confidence, instead of proclaiming a 'stand on the fence,' it is imperative to direct all efforts toward strengthening the new government at the helm..."

Hatzofe (National Religious) points out that the call for the "liberation of Jerusalem" made at the Lahore conference of Islamic nations comes at a moment when the Arab world is considerably stronger politically and economically than it was at the time of the Rabat conference four years ago, and calls on Bible experts and historians to begin an effective explanatory campaign of "the role of Jerusalem in the history of Israel and in Jewish consciousness throughout the generations."

Davar (Histadrut): "It is doubtful whether the Lahore resolutions concerning the Middle East will receive any boost from the oil situation, which has already been used to the utmost by the Arabs. Tying the oil-barrel to the religious horse-drawn cart is unlikely to give the latter any fresh push."

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VIEWPOINTS

THE ALIGNMENT'S TOP PRIORITY: UNITY

By MISHA LOUVISH

A MINORITY Government need not be ineffectual or short-lived. Mrs. Meir can count on eight members on the left wing of the House (three Civil Rights Movement, one Moked and four Rakah), who will support her in moves, like the disengagement agreement with Egypt, which are likely to bring peace nearer and who will be reluctant to open the way to the participation of the Likud in the Government. On crucial questions of foreign policy, therefore, she should always be able to command a majority.

The great danger is likely to arise over social and economic problems. When painful decisions have to be taken, as in the case of the recent cuts in subsidies, all the parties unpresented in the coalition will find it very convenient to avoid responsibility for necessary but unpopular measures by ganging up against the Government.

The Government's chances of survival, however, will depend in the first place on the restoration of loyalty and unity of action in the Labour-Mapam Alignment. The Dayan crisis has shown clearly that Labour can only survive as an effective political force if all its sections can work together despite their differences.

Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, Lova Eliav and the other "doves," as well as the supporters of Sapir and Allon, would do well to remember one simple fact. There are seven ex-Rafi members in the present Knesset. If Dayan led them out of the Alignment into the Likud, that would give the latter 46 seats to the Alignment's 47 and enable Mr. Begin to form a Government with the support of the NRP and the Aguda. Insire such an enlarged Likud, Dayan could immediately combine with the five members of the State List to form its second-largest component; if he could rope in the Free Centre, the new group would number 17 — as many as Herut.

Despite the anti-Dayan campaign, a reinforced Likud under the joint leadership of Begin and Dayan might well make a good enough showing at the next election to consign Labour to the status of an opposition for the first time in Israel's history.

Dayan has not threatened any such action (and perhaps, in the suspicious atmosphere of Israeli politics, it may be worth emphasizing that I am expressing my own personal assessments and not flying a trial baloon for anyone), although he has stated that he could run on a separate list. But the arithmetical facts are always liable to be translated into political realities.

The first prerequisite, therefore, is unity. If Mrs. Meir can impose her authority on all wings of the Alignment, restore party discipline and reassure Dayan of support in his difficult and onerous task, such developments as I have described can be averted.

But if Labour is not only to survive its present difficulties but also restore its pre-eminence in Israel's political structure, Mrs. Meir must do more. In an article published in this newspaper before the elections (December 3, 1973), I suggested that the eighth Knesset should embark on a vigorous programme of national stocktaking and reform as a prelude to another appeal to the nation. In the present situation, when it is doubtful whether the Knesset can live out its term, such a programme becomes a vital necessity. Even a minority Government can reorganize the structure of the administration, push through legislation to reform the electoral system on the national and local levels, and undertake a thorough revision of fiscal, economic and social policies.

At the same time, the Labour Party must face the difficult and divisive question of the succession to the leadership. Despite Mrs. Meir's personal qualities and her key position in the party, it seems hardly feasible that she should be able to present herself in, say, another two years for a further four-year term in office.

The Labour Party cannot long postpone the plunge into these icy waters. It should open its ranks to new members and try to attract young people, professional men and others who have so far stood aloof from politics by offering them a truly democratic system of taking decisions and electing the party's representatives to the Knesset and other institutions.

A democratically elected convention should meet at an early date, revise party policy, lay the foundations for a party structure in which every member will have a say in his local branch and participate in the election (not nomination) of the central governing bodies, and prepare for the election of the new leadership that the nation needs.

If Labour does not do that job — and do it soon — its rivals will.

POST-WAR WELFARE: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

"The consensus among social welfare workers is that the Yom Kippur War added fuel to our pre-war social problems," writes DR. ELIEZER JAFFE. Here he reviews notable emergency innovations in welfare brought about by the war and the need for "serious change in the rusty, rather unimaginative pre-war social apparatus."

ONE of the ripest areas for change in the concept of social welfare may yet prove to be the Israel Defence Forces.

The family problems of thousands of reservists far from home pressed the Army to review its limited pre-war conception of army welfare services based mainly on welfare allotments and hardship arrangements, with minimal on-going work with families and little contact between municipal and civilian welfare services. What is needed now are entirely new concepts of more integrated, professionally coordinated military and civilian welfare networks.

The Ministry of Welfare, prodded by social workers in the Reserves, made the first move to make municipal welfare offices available to reservists and their families. Despite much criticism that this meant turning reservists into "welfare cases," the truth is that municipal welfare offices had important services to offer, and other Ministries and quasi-volunteer organizations dragged their feet on this issue. Most important, however, is the fact that the hopelessly clogged pipeline between *municipal services* and the I.D.F. is finally open, and we can now expect more rational services to soldiers and their families.

The war and its aftermath must result in a radical reassessment of the Army's welfare services and the relationship to families of soldiers, beginning with reconceptualization and professionalization of the Army welfare network. And all the signs point to the contemplation of these changes in the IDF.

Subsidies and the poor

The biggest shock of all for the poor after the war has been, beyond a doubt, the consistent rise in prices, followed by the elimination of subsidies on basic food staples. The procedure accompanying these moves reflects, to my mind, a contempt for the poor and near dishonesty on the part of the Government.

In the first place, Mr. Sapir, in his initial announcement of the subsidy cuts, immediately announced that "full-compensation would be given to the poor," and psychologically this had a calming effect. In fact, however, compensation to the poor was only *partial*. The Government *knowingly* disregarded the certain price increases to be expected for by-products of the basic staples. Moreover, the compensation did not even include earlier price increases for non-food "staples" such as kerosene, fuel, electricity, water and other items.

The Finance Ministry's covert policy was, in reality, one of premeditated *partial-compensation*, with the net result that poor families on relief had to absorb a good deal of the increases from their inadequate welfare checks.

To make matters worse, the Ministry of Welfare has still not issued formal notice of the new welfare rates to local welfare officers all over the country, and it will take at least one to two months before any "new" money gets into the pockets of welfare clients. The attitude in every inflationary crisis has been to keep welfare clients last in line for benefits, as if they have automatic easy access to credit at neighbourhood supermarkets and other stores.

What is most serious is not just hardened arteries in procedural matters, but a contempt and insensitivity to the daily realities of poor families. The Histadrut could have waged a better battle, and the Ministry of Welfare did not emerge as a great defender of the poor; The Histadrut failed perhaps because of its overriding interest in wage earners. The Ministry of Welfare failed perhaps because of a desire not to tangle with the Finance Minister. The Welfare Ministry would like to set a greatly expanded role for itself including control of the National Insurance Institute, currently under the Ministry of Labour. Whatever the reason, the role of the Ministry of Welfare in protecting its clients against lower income standards due to the removal of subsidies, was conspicuously restrained, to say the least.

On the positive side is the long-awaited news that as of April 1st, 1974 the Government (via the Ministry of Welfare) will uniformly provide 75 per cent of the municipal expenditures for local welfare services.

This means that cities like Jerusalem, which formerly got 49 per cent participation from the Government, will now get 26 per cent more income. Actually, it may only come to a 15 per cent increase since some special projects of the Municipality were funded entirely or for the most part by the Ministry of Welfare, thus raising the actual percentage of Government participation.

But the big question is whether the Municipality will at least maintain its present welfare effort, or *decrease* its own investment by the 26% (or 15%) footed by the Welfare Ministry. Past experience and the pressures for finding new funds for roads and street lights in Jerusalem suggests that the Government must tie some strings to its new gifts, otherwise social services may just remain at the same level.

Disadvantaged youth

Finally, many social workers are concerned that the war, inflation and the subsidy removals, and the elections seem to have exacerbated the social gap, and that time again is not on our side on this issue. In view of this, it seems curious and incomprehensible that since the war, hardly a word or Government statement has come forth on the fate of the Prime Minister's Committee on Disadvantaged Youth.

Not only has this report not been circulated to the general public, but we have heard nothing from the coordinator appointed to follow-up the committee's work, or from the ministries involved in implementing the important recommendations made in the report.

We are, thank G-d, alive and thriving in our own land, and it's time we got on with the unfinished business concerning the fabric of the Nation.

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READERS' LETTERS

Gerda Charles calls review 'outrageous'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have just received a copy of your issue of January 11 containing a review of a radio programme made in England and expressing the attitudes of six English writers towards Israel. Only two of these writers, Harold Pinter and myself, are Jewish. In her review, your radio critic made an assertion about myself which I find objectionable in the extreme. She says — and I quote:

"Gerda Charles is unique among those interviewed for being conservative in outlook and for rigidly observing Jewish traditions. Two related items: not a single one of her books has been translated into Hebrew and she is strongly critical of many aspects of Israeli life."

I have to say that not only is the whole of this passage both ill-conceived and inaccurate but the last sentence contains an imputation which is outrageous to the point of defamation. How dare Miss Dudman have the impertinence to suggest that I am critical of Israel because my books are not published there. For her information, one of my earlier novels was translated into Hebrew and was published in Israel some years ago.

Plain, downright ignorance of fact is bad enough. Half-baked assertions of opinion based equally on ignorance are almost as bad. I am "conservative." How does she know? Because, in common with a great many people of all shades of political opinion, I dislike the New Left for their bigotry, their willed blindness, their support of Israel's enemies? Is that her definition of conservative? I "rigidly observe Jewish traditions." How does she know? I eat *kosher*. I prefer not to take transport on the Sabbath. This is rigid? Ask a rabbi; any rabbi.

The real mystery in all this, however, is the fact that there was not one word or opinion in my interview which comes anywhere near the much more critical language used by others. Your reviewer writes, rightly, of Katherine Whitehorn's excellent and lively journalism. But it was also Miss Whitehorn — not I — whom she quotes as saying of Israel: "The architecture is ugly and the people are bossy." It was another admirable writer, Lord Willis — not I — who, she says, used the word "abominable" about the quality of Israeli propaganda. And yet... no nasty remarks about them, Miss Dudman. I wonder why?

Let me say finally that your reviewer has inadvertently managed to provide me with a perfect example of precisely what I was expressing anxiety about in my interview: the danger to all that is valuable in Israel should she attempt to copy the less attractive characteristics of our sinking, Western society; not the least prominent feature of which is the snide, spiteful and, worst of all, inaccurate journalism which so disfigures a part of our press.

GERDA CHARLES

London, February 6.

Helga Dudman comments:

I am as surprised as I am sorry that Gerda Charles interpreted my comments as she did. This was, after all, only a radio review, and the facts mentioned were, to the best of my knowledge, as broadcast. As far as I know, no other reader made a causal connection between the non-appearance of Miss Charles' books here and her "critical" view of Israel; certainly, none was intended.

Incidentally, it is no secret to readers of *The Jerusalem Post* that I am no less disturbed than is Miss Charles by "the less attractive characteristics of our sinking Western society," and have frequently written about their dangers to Israel in terms that would be difficult to misinterpret.

BALACLAVAS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With reference to your report of December 28, concerning mishandling of a shipment of balaclavas from Australia, we have carried out a careful investigation of the matter. We have ascertained that these balaclavas arrived on December 12, and were cleared by the Ministry of Defence the same day. As a matter of fact, all El Al planes were fully booked in December and we left commercial fully paid freight behind in order to bring this freight for the Soldiers' Welfare Association.

Z. BLUMENFELD
El Al Freight Manager

Tel Aviv, February 13.

Pioneer women

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your readers may be interested to know that the "visiting American Jewish women's group" addressed by Ambassador Keating as reported in your issue of February 21 was in fact the Pioneer Women Solidarity Mission, which had just completed two weeks of intense activity in Israel.

BURTON M. HALPERN

Tel Aviv, February 21.

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